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Grad test on the way

The state Legislature could have nixed the plan but let it move forward.

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HARRISBURG – Blasted by critics as a "one-size-fits-all" approach, high school graduation exams are on their way toward becoming reality in Pennsylvania by 2015.

A state panel Thursday approved regulations to implement them.

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission's 4-1 approval sends the regulations to Attorney General Tom Corbett for a review of their legality.

"Regardless of what the attorney general's opinion of the testing is, it is strictly a legal review," said Corbett's spokesman Kevin Harley.

The Legislature had an opportunity to reject the regulations but did not.

"This is it," said Joe Torsella, chairman of the state Board of Education and a leading proponent. "It's like the ninth inning of the Phillies game."

Aimed at better preparing students for college and the work force, the Keystone Exams will replace the 11th grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, or PSSA, tests in the 2012-2013 school year. For schools that use them, the tests would count as one-third of a student's final grade.

"This (Keystone) system stinks," Elliott Seif, a Philadelphia education consultant told the panel. "It's bureaucratic, and it's going to create problems."

State Education Secretary

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Deaths affect two mayoral races

The late Alfred Agamedi and Walter Wisniewski will remain on the ballot.

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Voters in two Valley communities likely will elect incumbent mayors, even though the candidates have died since winning primary elections.

North Charleroi Mayor Alfred Agamedi, who died Sept. 18, is unopposed on the ballot, having won the Democratic nomination in May. No Republican candidates filed.

Bentleyville Mayor Walter Wisniewski, who died a week later, also won the Democratic nomination. No Republican candidates filed in that race.

Both names will be listed on the ballot, Washington County Elections Bureau officials confirmed, as will the name of Robert Staley Jr., a council candidate in Coal Center, who died since winning one of two Democratic nominations for four-year terms.

Agamedi served on council for several years before becoming mayor in 2001, following the death of Mayor Richard E. "Frenchy" Pireaux Sr. Agamedi previously served as council president and vice president.

Wisniewski, a councilman at the time, was appointed mayor last fall after longtime Mayor Tom Brown resigned.

Bentleyville Solicitor Dennis Makel said council decided not to have Wisniewski's name removed from the ballot because of work involved for the county.

Longtime Councilman Lee Hall, who was appointed mayor after Agamedi's death, said county elections officials advised them it would have been difficult to have Agamedi's name removed from the ballot.

He said there was not time for anyone interested in the position to campaign.

Hall is on the ballot for a new council term. He said council likely will appoint a mayor to fill the new term when it meets in early 2010.

North Charleroi has had problems in recent years attracting residents to serve on council. Although North Charleroi has seven seats, only five council members are serving the panel.

In Elizabeth, Dr. Marybeth Kline was chosen to serve as mayor after the death of John Yacura in May. She is not seeking the post in next month's general election.

Chad Rager, a Democrat, and David Householder, a Republican, are running for the office.

A new mayor will be chosen in New Eagle, where Mayor Mark Bobnar – who was elected four years ago – is not on the ballot. Glenn E. Petticord, a Democrat, and William H. Sherry IV, a Republican will face off.

Meanwhile, four incumbents

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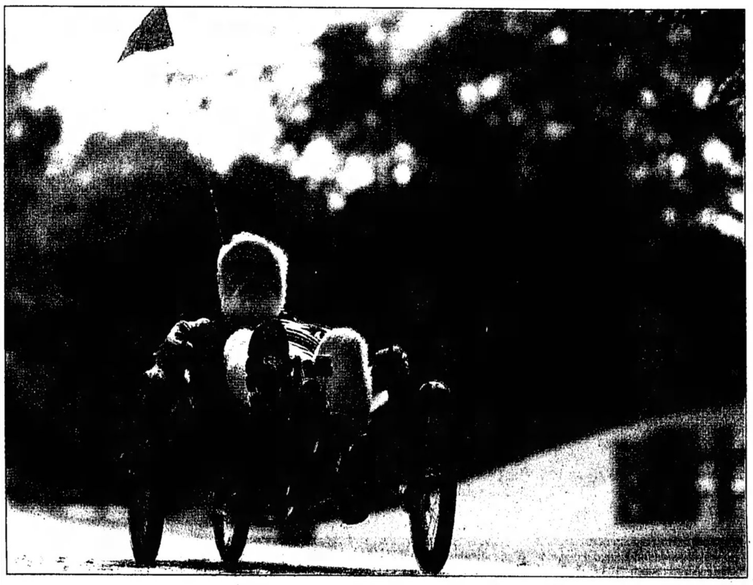

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Rich Weaver, of Larimer, heads back to Boston on a mild October afternoon after riding his recumbent bike to West Newton on the Yough River Trail on Wednesday.

Westmoreland planning mass H1N1 vaccine sites

At this point, though, little of the swine flu vaccine is available.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health and Westmoreland County Emergency Services Agency are planning to establish mass inoculation clinics for the H1N1 flu vaccine, officials said.

"Our goal is to provide public vaccination sites for people who are unable to get the vaccine from their private providers," said Stacey Kriedeman, a spokeswoman for the health department, which is distributing vaccines received through the federal government.

While the supply of the vaccine has been limited so far, Kriedeman said once it becomes more available, the state would set up mass vaccination clinics. She declined to provide the locations.

One location in Westmoreland County might be Franklin Regional Senior High School, district officials said.

Shelley Shaneyfelt, director of public relations at the Franklin Regional School District, said in a news release that the high school is registered to be a site for mass inoculations.

Though the vaccine is not yet widely available and the mass vaccination plans are not complete, emergency officials are asking for volunteers to help.

"It's not just for doctors and nurses, it's for anyone looking to spend some time giving back to those who need it," said Dan Stevens, Westmoreland County deputy emergency management coordinator.

Anyone interested in volunteering to administer the vaccine or help with paperwork is asked to register at www.serv.pa.gov.

Shaneyfelt said the district will place a volunteer sign-up sheet on its Web site, at www.franklinregional.k12.pa.us.

In addition to the public vaccine clinics that will be organized by emergency officials, the health department invited schools and other facilities to register as vaccination sites to serve their populations.

The Norwin School District announced last week that it had received 2,500 doses of the nasal H1N1 vaccine.

District officials said there will be a vaccination clinic at the middle school at a date yet to be determined. Children ages 5 through 9 who live in the district would receive top priority.

Several area school districts have reported cases of H1N1. The Ligonier Valley School District sent a letter to parents on Wednesday, informing them of a high number of students who were absent with the flu.

Two charged in Donora deli heist

One of the alleged robbers – Ivan Perez, 16 – has been charged as an adult.

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DONORA – A 16-year-old boy has been charged as an adult for an armed robbery Thursday afternoon.

And police believe one of his alleged victims in the robbery, actually is the "mastermind" of the crime.

Donora police Superintendent James Brice said his department charged Ivan Perez, of Webster, for the alleged robbery at Charlotte's Deli.

Brice said Perez allegedly went to the deli at the intersection of Fifth Street and Allen Avenue, held a knife to a customer's throat and demanded money.

Perez then threatened the clerk and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

But police believe the customer – Phillip Macklin, 21, of 1542 Meldon Ave., Donora – pretended to be a victim in a plan concocted to scare the female clerk.

Macklin also fled the store.

Brice said Macklin went to the police station after the robbery to report that he was a victim.

"His story didn't make any sense," Brice said.

Brice said they had a "hunch" Macklin and Perez acted together.

Police also said Macklin and Perez also had cash on them.

Brice said that after viewing a surveillance video from the deli, officials determined Macklin and Perez conspired to commit the robbery.

Brice said the clerk was not

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VALLEY PEOPLE

FAA officials eye balloon boy incident

A call made by Richard Heene could land him in trouble.

By The Associated Press

DENVER – The parents who reported last week that their 6-year-old son might have been on board a giant, runaway balloon could potentially be in more trouble with the Federal Aviation Administration for making a phone call than for setting loose the saucer-shaped craft, aviation experts say.

Most FAA rules on the release of unmanned balloons, rockets and kites don't take effect until aircraft or property are put in danger or the craft enters restricted airspace.

Hobbyists don't even need a pilot's license to fly an engine-less craft weighing less than 155 pounds.

Most likely, analysts say, the FAA is focusing on a phone call it received from the boy's father, Richard Heene, who reported the out-of-control aircraft was loose.

"That's what they're going to be looking at, that call," said Joseph Gutheinz Jr., a retired Army pilot and former FAA and U.S. Department of Transportation inspector.

"If this guy was calling the FAA reporting a false emergency, and that disrupted other air traffic, that would be the bigger issue here."

Richard and Mayumi Heene (HEE-nee) reported last week that their son Falcon was in the escaped balloon hurtling through the air as millions watched on live TV.

The boy was later found safe at the family's Fort Collins home, and authorities say they believe the balloon scare was a hoax. The FAA is saying little about what it is investigating.

The balloon episode caused a brief disruption at Denver International Airport last week, with some planes sent to different runways as a precaution, but no flights were grounded.

Yesteryear

This photograph was taken in 1961 at the last May Crowning at Monessen High School. The names of the children are unknown. In the first row are Toni Yelletz, Bob Leone, Tom Persico and Sherrie McWilliams; second row, Virginia Kantsi, Ronald Oliver, Gale Gimon, Leonard Jarabeck, Dave Bergstedt, Lynette Capuano, Ronald Coccari and Frances Bezuska; third row, Andrew Dzurinko, Elaine tyger, Kenneth DeGiacomo, Janet Sane, Eddie Fiorill and Sandy Reed. Maid of honor was Kathleen Liscik and May Queen was Joanne Bodoia. The photo was submitted by Toni Leone, of Monessen.

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Mayoral (FROM PAGE ONE)

are facing opposition on the ballot.

In California, Mayor Casey Durdines' re-election bid will be challenged by Councilman Walter Weld. Durdines is a Republican. Weld won the Democratic nod.

In West Newton, Mayor Art Berarducci, the Democratic nominee, will face Republican Christopher Massey.

In Long Branch, Mayor Joe DeBlassio Jr. narrowly defeated councilman Earl A. Doman Jr. for the Democratic nomination for mayor in May. But Doman won the GOP nod from write-in voters, and the two will face off again next month.

In West Brownsville, incumbent Mayor Martin C. Brockman Jr., a Democrat, will face Republican nominee Richard Dick Black Sr.

Heist (FROM PAGE ONE)

injured but was shaken up by the ordeal.

Perez is charged with robbery; criminal conspiracy, theft with unlawful taking and receiving stolen property.

Macklin, who Brice said has had several minor brushes with the law in the past, is charged with robbery, criminal conspiracy, theft, receiving stolen property and corruption of minors.

Both were arraigned via video before Claysville Magisterial District Judge Ethan Ward and sent to the Washington County Correctional Facility.

Bond for Perez was set at $10,000.

Macklin's bond was set at $25,000 straight cash.

Preliminary hearings are scheduled 10 a.m. Oct. 29 before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson in Monongahela.

Macklin underwent a hearing before Wilson earlier this week on charges of possession of marijuana, fleeing and eluding , and disorderly conduct related to a Sept. 10 incident in Donora. He was ordered to stand trial.

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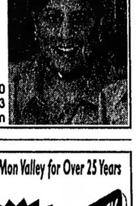

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Poll: Warming losing steam

In addition, fewer people believe humans are at fault.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Americans seem to be cooling toward global warming.

Just 57 percent think there is solid evidence the world is getting warmer, down 20 points in just three years, a new poll says.

And the share of people who believe pollution caused by humans is causing temperatures to rise has also taken a dip, even as the U.S. and world forums gear up for possible action against climate change.

In a poll of 1,500 adults by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, released Thursday, the number of people saying there is strong scientific evidence that the Earth has gotten warmer over the past few decades is down from 71 percent in April of last year and from 77 percent when Pew started asking the question in 2006.

The number of people who see the situation as a serious problem also has declined.

The steepest drop has occurred during the past year, as Congress and the Obama administration have taken steps to control heat-trapping emissions for the first time and international negotiations for a new treaty to slow global warming have been under way.

At the same time, there has been mounting scientific evidence of climate change – from melting ice caps to the world's oceans hitting the highest monthly recorded temperatures this summer.

The poll was released a day after 18 scientific organizations wrote Congress to reaffirm the consensus behind global warming. A federal government report Thursday found that global warming is upsetting the Arctic's thermostat.

Only about a third, or 36 percent of the respondents, feel that human activities — such as pollution from power plants, factories and automobiles — are behind a temperature increase. That's down from 47 percent from 2006 through last year's poll.

"The priority that people give to pollution and environmental concerns and a whole host of other issues is down because of the economy and because of the focus on other things," suggested Andrew Kohut, the director of the research center, which conducted the poll from Sept. 30 to Oct. 4.

"When the focus is on other things, people forget and see these issues as less grave."

Andrew Weaver, a professor of climate analysis at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, said politics could be drowning out scientific awareness.

"It's a combination of poor communication by scientists, a lousy summer in the Eastern United States, people mixing up weather and climate and a full-court press by public relations firms and lobby groups trying to instill a sense of uncertainty and confusion in the public," he said.

Political breakdowns in the survey underscore how tough it could be to enact a law limiting pollution emissions blamed for warming. While three-quarters of Democrats believe the evidence of a warming planet is solid, and nearly half believe the problem is serious, far fewer conservative and moderate Democrats see the problem as grave. Fifty-seven percent of Republicans say there is no solid evidence of global warming, up from 31 percent in early 2007.

Though there are exceptions, the vast majority of scientists agree that global warming is occurring and that the primary cause is a buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels, such as oil and coal.

Jane Lubchenco, head the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told a business group meeting at the White House Thursday: "The science is pretty clear that the climate challenge before us is very real. We're already seeing impacts of climate change in our own backyards."

Despite misgivings about the science, half the respondents still say they support limits on greenhouse gases, even if they could lead to higher energy prices. And a majority — 56 percent — feel the United States should join other countries in setting standards to address global climate change.

But many of the supporters of reducing pollution have heard little to nothing about cap-and-trade, the main mechanism for reducing greenhouse gases favored by the White House and central to legislation passed by the House and a bill the Senate will take up next week.

Under cap-and-trade, a price is put on each ton of pollution, and businesses can buy and sell permits to meet emissions limits.

"Perhaps the most interesting finding in this poll ... is that the more Americans learn about cap-and-trade, the more they oppose cap-and-trade," said Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., who opposes the Senate bill and has questioned global warming science.

Regional as well as political differences were detected in the polling.

People living in the Midwest and mountainous areas of the West are far less likely to view global warming as a serious problem and to support limits on greenhouse gases than those in the Northeast and on the West Coast.

Grad test (FROM PAGE ONE)

Gerald Zahorchak said the approval vote "reflects the commitment Pennsylvania's leaders have made to ensure every student who graduates from high school is truly prepared."

Beginning in 2015, the exams will be optional for districts as graduation requirements.

The state's contract with a Minnesota testing company for exams, model curriculum and diagnostic tools will cost $176 million through 2015, said Mike Race, a Department of Education spokesman.

Development and implementation of the exams is $126 million of that amount, he said.

"You can have a cheap test. You can have a good test. But you can't have both," Torsella told the panel.

Seif, a former Temple University education professor, said Pennsylvania is a diverse state with diverse students.

"Can you imagine one exam being used for literature? One test in history will change the curriculum in history," said Seif, adding that will drive up local costs.

Districts will give 10 tests, three times a year, Seif said.

Seif argued that Gov. Ed Rendell repeatedly has said PSSA exams "show we are making progress," and the state should build on the system rather than replace it.

It's not a "one-size-fits-all or high-stakes testing approach," Torsella said. "But through this regulation, we are clearly saying that we will have the same set of expectations for every Pennsylvanian in every corner of the state."

Shauna D'Alessandro, vice president of the West Jefferson Hills District and representing the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, told the panel the tests will distort students' grade point averages.

A student could get an A in class and score zero on a test, and another student could get an F, yet ace the test, and have a 76 percent average.

John Mizner, a member of the panel from Erie, suggested such extremes are unlikely.

But D'Alessandro said it's a fact that some students perform poorly on tests. This system "rewards tests taking," she said.

Valley briefs

Attorney: Inmate phone calls taped

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The federal public defender in Pittsburgh says the Allegheny County Jail has recorded telephone calls between defense attorneys and their clients and sometimes gave them to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Federal Public Defender Lisa Freeland says she is "incensed." She says her office received an e-mail that included communications between an assistant U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh and a federal medical center in Massachusetts

The American Civil Liberties Union has scheduled a meeting with the county solicitor's office Tuesday morning on the issue.

Under jail policy, all outgoing calls are recorded — except those to inmates' lawyers — and prosecutors routinely seek those recordings. County jail officials say a revamping of the phone system may have led to inadvertent taping of some calls between inmates and their lawyers, but if that happened it was inadvertent.

U.S. Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan says her office has never requested any communications between a defendant and attorney, and didn't review any that it might have received.

Worker killed by concrete slab

PLUM, Pa. (AP) — Federal workplace safety officials are investigating the death of a New Jersey construction worker crushed by a concrete slab at a job site.

Police in Plum Borough say 29-year-old Yamil Gonzalez was killed about 2 p.m. Thursday while working at an assisted living facility about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

Gonzalez worked for P&B Partitions of West Berlin, N.J. Plum police say Gonzalez was moving a piece of machinery on the fourth floor of a building under construction when a crane hit a concrete floor slab above him, causing it to fall.

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials were expected to arrive today to investigate the accident.

Milk prices in Pa. get a boost

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — The Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board is temporarily boosting the minimum price of milk across the state by a few cents a gallon to soothe hurting dairy farmers.

The three-member board voted Thursday to increase the premium paid to farmers by 23 percent.

For farmers, that means getting an extra 50 cents, or $2.65, per 100 pounds of milk. For consumers, that is expected to mean paying about 4 cents extra on a gallon of milk at retail.

Brewing memorabilia on auction block

Relics from Iron City Brewing's offices and storage rooms will be sold.

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PITTSBURGH – Hundreds of machines and devices that were part of 148 years of beer production at the old Iron City Brewing plant in Lawrenceville were to be auctioned today.

Smaller items that trace the company's history, and memorabilia from Pittsburgh's rich sports history that adorn the old brewhouse on Liberty Avenue, will go up for bid Saturday.

Visitors walked through the idled brewery Thursday, looking over items that auctioneers Schneider Industries, of St. Louis, will work to clear from the buildings. Some visitors came from small brewing companies, but most were people interested in old Iron City taps, framed ads, photos of Pittsburgh sports figures and other memorabilia, CEO Tim Hickman said.

"We see this as our opportunity to get some of the history of the brewery out to the community," Hickman said. The company will keep some of the oldest items to display at a brew pub and restaurant that could open in one building.

How much the auctions will raise is unclear, Hickman said. The money will pay operating expenses and debt, he said.

"Value is in the eye of the purchaser," said Dan Rosenthal, chief operating officer of Schneider Industries, noting some rare, old beer cans have sold for $200 to $300.

The Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority has said Iron City Brewing owes it $1 million and threatened to go to court to collect. Hickman has estimated that debt is $450,000 and said an agreement has not been reached.

Heidi Murrin/For The Valley Independent

Schneider Industries Chief Operating Officer Dan Rosenthal looks over some of Iron City Brewing Co. memoriabilia that will be auctioned off Saturday in the old Iron City Brewing LLC plant in Lawrenceville.

> Equipment was being auctioned off today, and memorabilia will be sold beginning 10 a.m. Saturday.

Brewing operations moved to City Brewing Co.'s Latrobe brewery in June. Mechanical troubles with the canning line forced the company to shift that part of production in March to a New York brewer, then to City Brewing's Lacrosse, Wis., plant. Canning will be done in Latrobe when equipment is installed. Iron City is keeping its headquarters in Lawrenceville.

Food or juice producers, in addition to small brewers, might find uses for much of the equipment, Hickman said. It includes a palletizer that loaded cases onto wooden pallets, a pasteurizer that heated and cooled canned beer, a can washer and even a riding floor sweeper.

Two visitors who strolled the grounds said they were from a Wisconsin brewer, looking for kegs and tanks. They declined to be identified for competitive reasons.

Fans of Iron City and local history can bid starting at 10 a.m. Saturday on relics from the company's offices and storage rooms. One novelty beer tap is shaped like a baseball bat from the 1994 All-Star Game played at Three Rivers Stadium.

Other items: Small devices used in beer production such as a Ph meter to measure acidity, a picture of the Iron City band that comes with a songbook, pads for a boxing ring stamped "Iron City" and a photo of baseball greats Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb.

And there's a framed order closing an establishment — it doesn't say where — by order of the Prohibition Act.

There are dozens of cans, some from brands made at the plant and some that happened to be there when auctioneers rounded up items to sell. Among the names: Tech Beer Mustang, Dutch Club, Olde Frothingslosh and Hop'n Gator lemon-lime lager.

One item, labeled Lot 178, comes with a little sadness.

It's a framed proclamation from Pittsburgh City Council, dated Sept. 12, 2000 — before the former Pittsburgh Brewing Co. went into bankruptcy and was sold to investors in 2007 who created the current company.

The document notes the brewer's long role in Pittsburgh's economy and thanks the company "for helping the city progress into the 21st century with pride and vigor."

Second man charged in armed robbery

The suspect also is accused of stealing ATVs in Carroll Township.

By The Valley Independent

FINLEYVILLE – A second person has been charged in connection with an armed robbery at a service station in Finleyville earlier this month.

Joseph Neidermeyer, 20, of 132 Adams Route, Carroll Township, was charged with criminal conspiracy, robbery, and receiving stolen property in connection with an alleged incident 2:49 a.m. Oct. 13, at Sunoco, 3580 Washington Ave., police reported.

Christopher Anthony, 19, who is homeless, but is from the Monongahla area, was previously charged as a co-conspirator in the alleged crime.

Passing motorists aided police in his arrest shortly after the robbery.

Neidermeyer was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson and placed in the Washington County Correctional Facility after failing to post $50,000 bond.

Neidermeyer is also accused of stealing two ATVs in Carroll Township.

Carroll Township Police Chief Paul Brand said Neidermeyer and co-conspirator Zachary Anthony, 19, of 227 Manown St., Monessen, were both charged with receiving stolen property, criminal mischief, loitering/prowling at night, criminal conspiracy, and theft with stealing two ATV's from two residences on Donora Road.

Brand said one of the quads was found burned three days later near Carroll Middle School. The second one was recovered on Oct. 16.

Brand said a warrant was issued for Zachary Anthony's arrest.

Sean Stipp/For The Valley Independent

Farm worker Jason Stahl, of Windy Heights Farm, unloads the storage bin of a combine filled with freshly harvested soybean Thursday into a large truck in South Huntingdon Township.

Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

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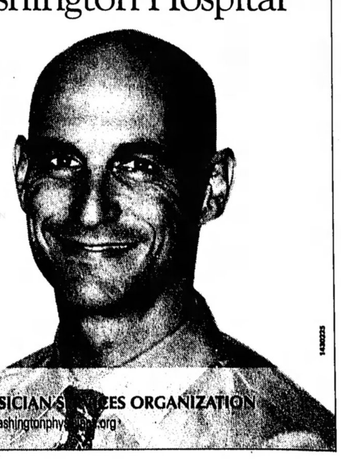

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DEATH NOTICES

ARTLEY — Sophia (Strahosky) Artley, 96, of Middletown, formerly of Donora, on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Buse Funeral Home, Grantville.*

ERO — Helen T. Ero, 90, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Wednesday, Oct. 21. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

RODGERS — Shirley Rodgers, 79, of Carroll Township, on Thursday, Oct. 22. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

* See death notice

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Middletown
Formerly of Donora

Sophia Strahosky Artley, 96, of Frey Village Retirement Center, Middletown, formerly of Camp Hill, Lebanon, Hershey and Donora, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, with her family by her side. Born May 4, 1913, in Donora, she was a daughter of the late Theodore and Anna (Dugan) Strahosky. She was the widow of Arlington Artley and was also preceded in death by sisters Olga Slebodnik and Margaret Zewe and brother William Strahosky. Sophia was retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. She also owned Marita's, a children's clothing shop in Lebanon, for many years. She loved to travel, and visited all 50 states and several foreign countries in her lifetime. She always put family first. Surviving are her sisters, Mary Sudor and Helen George both of Hershey; a brother, John Strahosky of Charleroi; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be with her husband in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. The BUSE FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared at BuseFuneralHome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen T. Ero
Rostraver Township

Helen T. Ero, 90, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. Born in Pittsburgh on Jan.13, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Theresa (Whop) Dudek. A homemaker, Mrs. Ero was a member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township and the Jednota Society. She is survived by her three daughters, Bonita "Bonnie" (Albert) Gaudio of Rostraver Township, Marlene (Larry) Parker of Tampa, Fla., and Patricia (William) Beattie of Germantown, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Maria Gaudio, Carl Gaudio, David Gaudio, Tracie Parker, Brett Parker, Allison Parker, Bridget Brady and Billy (Kriste) Beattie; and eight great-grandchildren, Anthony Gaudio, Dominick Gaudio, Sergio Gaudio, Franco Gaudio, Skyler Gaudio, Jebb Brady, Olivia Brady, and Abby Grace Beattie. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul N. Ero. Friends will be received on Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Monday until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, with the Rev. James Bump presiding. Interment will follow in Jefferson Memorial Park, Pleasant Hills. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 1100 Liberty Ave, Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15222.

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The Allegheny County Fire Marshal's investigation unit was on the scene of a fatal fire this morning on Soltis Drive in Clairton.

3 children dead in Clairton fire

CLAIRTON, Pa. (AP) — Three children are dead and two teens are being treated at a hospital after a town house fire near Pittsburgh.

The Allegheny County Medical Examiner says 9-year-old Rachel Finn and 6-year-old Deausha Faulk are sisters and died at Jefferson Hospital. A third child, 2-year-old Michael Zigler, is also dead. He was not related to the girls who lived at the town house in Clairton, about 10 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Two teens were also hurt, but their conditions and names haven't been released. They're being treated at UPMC Mercy hospital in Pittsburgh, which has a burn unit.

The county fire marshal is investigating, but says it doesn't appear the fire is suspicious. Investigators believe the fire started in the kitchen about 1:20 a.m. today.

Robbery suspect to stand trial

Bank teller testified about receiving a polite note demanding money.

By BOB STILES
For The Valley Independent
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GREENSBURG – A bank teller testified Thursday that a short man with long hair and sunglasses handed her a note last summer in which he politely demanded money.

"It stated it was a robbery, and I gave him the money," Maria Garcia said.

Greensburg District Judge James Albert went on to hold David Morgan, 35, of 177 Highway St., Yukon, for trial on charges of robbery, theft and receiving stolen property.

Greensburg police allege that about 9:40 a.m. July 28, Morgan robbed the First Commonwealth Bank branch on East Pittsburgh Street of $660.

Garcia read the note, which police Detective Jerry Vernail testified was found on Morgan later that day.

"Please just give me the money from your cash drawer, all of it, and I will go peacefully," Garcia read.

The note went on to say thanks and that there should be no alarm sounded or dye packs used.

Vernail testified that Morgan admitted to robbing the bank during questioning that afternoon.

"He subsequently confessed that it was, in fact, him who robbed the bank," Vernail said.

Police arrested Morgan about 3 p.m. that day after receiving a tip that a person matching the suspect's description was seen on East Pittsburgh Street.

"I believe the caller said he was seen counting money," Vernail added.

The detective said Morgan had a backpack with him when he was taken into custody. Items found in the backpack included clothing, sunglasses and a baseball cap — articles that matched the original description of the suspect given to police, Vernail said.

The detective said Morgan also was carrying a hypodermic needle and $200.

Albert increased Morgan's bail from $27,500 to $50,000.

Soupy Sales dead at age 83

At his peak, he was one of the best known faces in the nation.

By DAVID N. GOODMAN
Associated Press Writer

Sales

DETROIT (AP) — Soupy Sales, the rubber-faced comedian whose anything-for-a-chuckle career was built on 20,000 pies to the face and 5,000 live TV appearances across a half-century of laughs, has died. He was 83.

Sales died Thursday night at Calvary Hospice in the Bronx, New York, said his former manager and longtime friend, Dave Usher. Sales had many health problems and entered the hospice last week, Usher said.

At the peak of his fame in the 1950s and '60s, Sales was one of the best-known faces in the nation, Usher said.

"If President Eisenhower would have walked down the street, no one would have recognized him as much as Soupy," Usher said.

At the same time, Sales retained an openness to fans that turned every restaurant meal into an endless autograph-signing session, Usher said.

"He was just good to people," said Usher, a former jazz music producer who managed Sales in the 1950s and now owns Detroit-based Marine Pollution Control.

Sales began his TV career in Cincinnati and Cleveland, then moved to Detroit, where he drew a large audience on WXYZ-TV. He moved to Los Angeles in 1961.

The comic's pie-throwing schtick became his trademark, and celebrities lined up to take one on the chin alongside Sales. During the early 1960s, stars such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis and Shirley MacLaine received their just desserts side-by-side with the comedian on his television show.

"I'll probably be remembered for the pies, and that's all right," Sales said in a 1985 interview.

Sales was born Milton Supman on Jan. 8, 1926, in Franklinton, N.C., where his was the only Jewish family in town. His parents, owners of a dry-goods store, sold sheets to the Ku Klux Klan. The family later moved to Huntington, W.Va.

His greatest success came in New York with "The Soupy Sales Show" — an ostensible children's show that had little to do with Captain Kangaroo and other kiddie fare. Sales' manic, improvisational style also attracted an older audience that responded to his envelope-pushing antics.

Sales, who was typically clad in a black sweater and oversized bow-tie, was once suspended for a week after telling his legion of tiny listeners to empty their mothers' purse and mail him all the pieces of green paper bearing pictures of the presidents.

Sales remained a familiar television face, first as a regular from 1968-75 on the game show "What's My Line?" and later appearing on everything from "The Mike Douglas Show" to "The Love Boat."

Sales is survived by his wife, Trudy, and two sons, Hunt and Tony.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson, Monongahela

The following cases were held before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson of Monongahela this week:

■ Robert Arthurs III, 21, of 329 Skyline Drive, Belle Vernon, was charged with two counts of DUI, corruption of minors, underage drinking and minors driving while drinking Sept. 11 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Crissi Beaulieu, 31, of 214 North Third St., West Newton, was charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct July 30 by Carroll Township police. The case was withdrawn and she pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

■ David Atkinson, 51, of 927 Heslep Ave., Donora, was charged with DUI Sept. 19 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Louis Robinson, 52, of 607 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 15 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ George Sickman, 47, of 130 Fourth Ave., New Eagle, was charged with public drunkenness Sept. 26 by Monongahela police. He was found not guilty.

■ Conrad Buchak, 40, of 129 Rush Ave., New Eagle, was charged with disorderly conduct Sept. 4 by Monongahela police. He was found guilty.

■ Thomas McGee, 30, of 308 Lenawee Ave., Monessen, was charged with harassment Sept. 7 by Carroll Township police. The case was dismissed because the officer failed to show.

■ Jessica Dawn Walker, 19, of 164 Grant St., Monongahela, was charged with use of tobacco on school property Sept. 4 by Ringgold security. She was found not guilty.

■ James Romito, no age given, of 105 Eleventh St., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 25 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Jessica Cooper, 23, of 27 Spruce Alley, Carroll Township, was charged with DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations March 9 by Carroll Township police. The case was held for court.

■ Gary Odenthal Jr., 37, of 1280 McKean Ave., Donora, was charged with accidents involving death or injury, duty to give information to police or render aid, and immediate notice of accidents Aug. 14 by Donora police. The case was dismissed as there was no witness.

■ Phillip Macklin, 21, of 1542 Meldon Ave., Apt. 3, was charged with possession of marijuana, flight and disorderly conduct Sept. 10 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Joshua Popelas, 19, of 1120 State Road, Monessen, was charged with DUI Sept. 26 by Donora police. The case was withdrawn and he pleaded guilty to underage drinking.

■ Amanda Smith, 27, of 76 Hickory St., Ellsworth, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property Aug. 6 by Monongahela police. The case was withdrawn by the assistant district attorney.

■ Joseph Scholl, 23, of 5 Memorial Drive, Charleroi, was charged with four counts of DUI in a watercraft Sept. 5 by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The case was held for court.

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CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Showboat correction

In a story Thursday about the Mon Valley Senior Citizens Showboat, it should have stated that Harvey Dunmeyer will be performing with his son Gary Dunmeyer and his son-in-law, Tim Janitor.

Their relationship was stated incorrectly.

POLICE LOG

Carroll Township

■ Nicholas Drew, 23, of 672 McKee Ave., Monessen, was cited for disorderly conduct 2:20 a.m. Wednesday at Mon Valley Hospital, police said.

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Friday, October 23, the 296th day of 2009. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

In 1983, suicide attackers blow up U.S. Marine headquarters building at Beirut Airport, Lebanon, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 Frenchmen.

On this date:

■ In 1641, Great Irish Massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against British.

■ In 1917, U.S. troops see first action in World War I near Luneville, France.

■ In 1953, Federal Constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.

■ In 1954, Britain, France, United States and Soviet Union agree to end occupation of Germany.

■ In 1956, Anti-Communist revolution breaks out in Hungary. It is crushed by a Soviet invasion on November 4.

■ In 1958, Soviet Union approves loan for Aswan Dam in Egypt.

■ In 1973, Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new cease-fire in Middle East war.

■ In 1988, long-awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.

■ In 1992, U.S. President George H. W. Bush announces the Vietnamese government will turn over all documents, photographs and personal effects of U.S. personnel it collected in the Vietnam War.

■ In 1996, a historian reveals that the Swiss bank accounts of presumed Holocaust victims were used to settle Switzerland's postwar compensation disputes with Poland and Hungary.

■ In 1997, South Africa's Nelson Mandela receives a hero's welcome in Libya, and calls for the United Nations to lift sanctions that are harming "our African brothers and sisters."

■ **Ten years ago**: Illinois' George Ryan pays the first visit to communist Cuba by a U.S. governor since Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution, declaring he has come "to build bridges between people."

■ **Five years ago**: Suspected Islamic militants kill 16 people heading to a soccer match in a pre-dawn ambush south of Algeria's capital — the first bloodshed since the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

■ **One year ago**: A Paris court convicts nine people of charges linked to financing and associating with a terror group, including Safe Bourada, a French-Algerian who admitted forming an Islamic group that called for armed jihad in France.

Associated Press

U.S. Secretary for Defense Robert Gates, left, shares a word with U.S. Military commander in Afghanistan General Stanley McChrystal, right, during a round table meeting of NATO defense ministers today in Bratislava.

NATO members: No more troops to Afghanistan now

Robert Gates said he will prod NATO for more economic and security aid.

By SLOBODAN LEKIC and VANESSA GERA
Associated Press Writers

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Two NATO members said today they will not send more troops to Afghanistan unless its Nov. 7 presidential runoff creates a legitimate government and until President Barack Obama decides on a new strategy there.

Dutch Defense Minister Eimert Van Middelkoop said his country, with 2,160 troops in Afghanistan, is awaiting the final election results "because the legitimacy of the Afghan government is key," as well as a decision by the Obama administration.

"I think most countries are waiting for the American decisions," van Middelkoop said at a meeting in Bratislava of the defense ministers of the 28 NATO countries.

The top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, was briefing NATO ministers — including U.S. Defense Minister Robert Gates — on his view of the war in Afghanistan at the meeting.

Danish Defense Minister Soeren Gade said allies won't increase troop levels until they're assured the new government in Kabul is committed to the NATO goals.

"I think whoever is going to send more troops to Afghanistan will put up some conditions," said Gade, whose country has 690 soldiers in Afghanistan.

"They need to see the new Afghan president and say: 'If we send more troops to your country, you have to deal with this, this and this.' We have to make sure the new government in Afghanistan are committed to their job before we send any more troops to Afghanistan."

Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung of Germany said he also doesn't expect his country to increase its troop numbers in Afghanistan when the soldiers' mandate from the German parliament comes up for renewal in December. The existing mandate allows the deployment of a maximum 4,500 soldiers, and Germany currently has just over 4,200 troops in Afghanistan.

Gates said he will prod NATO for more economic and security aid to Afghanistan while trying to sidestep the simmering international debate over sending more troops to the fight.

Military pay boost approved

The increase of 3.4 percent beats the average hike in the private sector.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Military personnel will get an above-inflation pay raise of 3.4 percent under a Pentagon policy bill the Senate passed Thursday and sent to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The pay increase was a half-percentage point more than Obama sought earlier this year and beats the average pay boost in the private sector.

The popular legislation also gives Obama a few victories in his bid to kill some especially costly weapons systems, though it contains an effort by lawmakers to continue development — over the president's strong objections — of a costly alternative engine for the Pentagon's next-generation fighter jet.

The Senate cleared the House-Senate compromise measure by a 68-29 vote.

The far-reaching legislation also prohibits the Obama administration from transferring any detainee being held at the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba to the U.S. for trial until 45 days after it has given notice to Congress. Guantanamo prisoners could not be released into the U.S.

The bill also contains unrelated legislation strengthening federal hate crimes laws to include violence against homosexuals, angering Republicans who objected to the military measure carrying social legislation.

The bill also contains significant changes to voting procedures for U.S. troops and other American voters overseas.

Some Pentagon reform advocates had hoped Obama would take a more aggressive stance against costly and poorly performing weapons systems. But Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates focused most of their attention on a handful of items, especially trying to kill the jobs-rich but well-over-budget F-22 fighter program, which has its origins in the Cold War era and, its critics maintain, is poorly suited for anti-insurgent battles in Iraq and Afghanistan.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Blasts kill 24 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A suicide bomber killed seven people near a major air force complex in northwest Pakistan on today, while an explosion killed 17 on a bus heading to wedding elsewhere in the region, the latest in a surge of militant attacks this month.

Also, a car bomb in the northwest's main city wounded 15 people.

The bloodshed has coincided with the run-up and first week of a major army offensive in a Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold along the Afghan border. Around 200 people have died as the insurgents have shown they can strike in a variety of ways and places in the nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied nation.

The Pakistan Aeronautical Complex at Kamra is the country's major air force maintenance and research hub.

Some foreign military experts have mentioned it as a possible place to keep planes that can carry nuclear warheads, but the army, which does not reveal where its nuclear-related facilities are, strongly denies that the facility is tied to the program in any way.

Pilots fly past destination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two Northwest Airlines pilots should have had numerous warnings that their flight was nearing its destination in Minneapolis. Controllers were trying to reach the plane by radio.

When that didn't work, normal procedure would be to have the airline's dispatcher also try to raise the plane using a phone-like device that chimes.

The Airbus A320's brightly lit cockpit flight displays should have shown the pilots that it was time to start descending to land.

Instead, the plane, en route from San Diego with 144 passengers and a crew of five, passed over Minneapolis at 37,000 feet just before 9 p.m. EDT Wednesday. Contact with controllers wasn't established until 14 minutes later, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the incident. By that time, the plane was over Eau Claire, Wis., more than 100 miles beyond Minneapolis.

The pilots didn't discover their mistake until a flight attendant in the cabin contacted them over the intercom, said a source close to the investigation who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and asked not to be identified. The pilots had lost communications with air traffic controllers for over an hour and had overflown their destination by 150 miles. The plane turned around, landed safely and no one was injured.

Child's body found in landfill

ORANGE PARK, Fla. (AP) — After 7-year-old Somer Thompson vanished on her way home from school, investigators tailed nine garbage trucks from her neighborhood to a Georgia landfill nearly 50 miles away, then picked through the trash as each rig spilled its load.

They sorted through more than 225 tons of garbage before their worst fears were realized: Sticking out of the rubbish were a child's lifeless legs.

Sheriff Rick Beseler said the quick discovery of Somer's body on Wednesday, two days after she disappeared, may have saved precious evidence that could lead to her killer.

"Had we not done this tactic, I believe that body would have been buried beneath hundreds of tons of debris, probably would have gone undiscovered forever," he said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $340,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $340,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's game.

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Uniontown	Oct 27	6:30 - 8:30	VFW #47
Chicktown	Oct 28	6:30 - 8:30	Community Center
Masontown	Oct 29	6:30 - 8:30	VFW
Farmington	Nov 5	6:30 - 8:30	Wharton Mun. Building
Normalville/Mill Run	Nov 10	6:30 - 8:30	Springfield Fire Dept.
Perryopolis	Nov 11	6:30 - 8:30	Perry Fire Hall

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DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-0-3-3
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	8-1-6-9
DAY QUINTO:	5-4-8-2-6
NIGHT QUINTO:	2-3-3-0-3
TREASURE HUNT:	1-3-4-5-14
CASH 5:	10-16-23-24-35
MIX & MATCH:	5-12-8-3-18

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	0-2-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-4-6
DAY PICK 4:	5-8-2-5
NIGHT PICK 4:	0-2-1-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	5-6-25-27-38

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009

DAILY 3:	1-1-1
DAILY 4:	2-1-8-7
CASH 25:	2-4-5-9-14-23

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OUR OPINION

Freedom rough for condo association

PEOPLE WHO SPURN authority and civil regulation envision worlds driven purely by personal freedom and filled with opportunity.

For example, the Cedar Hills Condominium Association wanted independence from Rostraver Township — roadwise, anyway — and received it four years ago.

Now, association members fear that a stormwater system planned for the final phase of the project will cause them to reach deeper into their pockets.

So where did they go in search of relief? The township commissioners, of course.

Concerns over the project have spawned a "they said," "he said" discussion involving the association and developer Jim Kelly, of New Belle Construction Inc. In terms of the public aspect of the disagreement, none of claims and counterclaims matter.

Rostraver Township's participation in the project ended years ago. In fact, it never began. If the association members are unhappy with the developer, their salvation, if any, lies in civil court.

"It's not like this board didn't want to do something, because I was involved in wanting to take it over," said Nick Lorenzo, chairman of the board of commissioners, told the association members at a recent meeting. "It came back that your association wanted no parts of your roads to be public. You wanted to have a private association."

Aha! Oho!

Commissioner Brian Sokol offered little hope to the association.

"There are setbacks that don't meet our specs out there," he said. "I do not think there is any light at the end of the tunnel."

Hmmm. There's a bit more of that unfettered freedom. Most municipalities have regulations regarding the placement of structures on land parcels — setbacks. Rostraver apparently has such rules and the development apparently does not completely follow them.

Given the past — and probably current — attitude of at least some association members, the commissioners could have sent them all packing.

To their credit, though, the elected officials did not show the association members the door.

"If there's any way to help you, I'll certainly engage in that," Sokol said. "But I just don't think there is a possibility."

Ah, hope for the hopeless. And the commissioners — those old softies — took it a step further when they agreed to meet again with the association.

That's all nice, but likely will be an exercise in futility. The association might be better off negotiating with the developer, which is what they wanted in the first place.

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Alienated & radicalized

Pat **BUCHANAN**

In the brief age of Obama, we have had "truthers," "birthers," Tea Party activists and town-hall dissenters. Comes now, the "Oath Keepers." And who might they be?

Writes Alan Maimon in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Oath Keepers, depending on where one stands, are "either strident defenders of liberty or dangerous peddlers of paranoia."

Formed in March, they are ex-military and police who repledge themselves to defend the Constitution, even if it means disobeying orders. If the U.S. government ordered law enforcement agencies to violate Second Amendment rights by disarming the people, Oath Keepers will not obey.

"The whole point of Oath Keepers is to stop a dictatorship from ever happening here," says founding father Stewart Rhodes, an ex-Army paratrooper and Yale-trained lawyer. "My focus is on the guys with the guns, because they can't do it without them.

"We say if the American people decide it's time for a revolution, we'll fight with you."

Prediction: Brother Rhodes is headed for cable stardom.

As with Jimmy Carter's long range psychoanalysis of Joe Wilson, the reflexive reaction of the mainstream media will likely be that these are militia types, driven to irrationality because America has a black president.

Yet, the establishment's reaction seems more problematic for the republic than anything the Oath Keepers are up to. For our political and media elite seem to have lost touch with the nation and to be wedded to a vision of America divorced from reality.

Progressives are the folks who, in the 1960s, could easily understand that urban riots that took scores of lives and destroyed billions in property were an inevitable reaction to racism, poverty and despair. They could empathize with the rage of campus radicals who burned down the ROTC building and bombed the Pentagon.

The "dirty, immoral war in Vietnam" explains why the "finest generation we have ever produced" is behaving like this, they said. We must deal with the "root causes" of social disorder.

Yet, they cannot comprehend what would motivate Middle America to distrust its government, for it surely does, as Ron Brownstein reports in the National Journal:

"Whites are not only more anxious, but also more alienated.

Big majorities of whites say the past year's turmoil has diminished their confidence in government, corporations and the financial industry ... Asked which institution they trust most to make economic decisions in their interest, a plurality of whites older than 30 pick 'none' — a grim statement."

We had seen these folks before. They were Perotistas in 1992, opposed NAFTA in 1993, and blocked the Bush-Kennedy McCain amnesty in 2007.

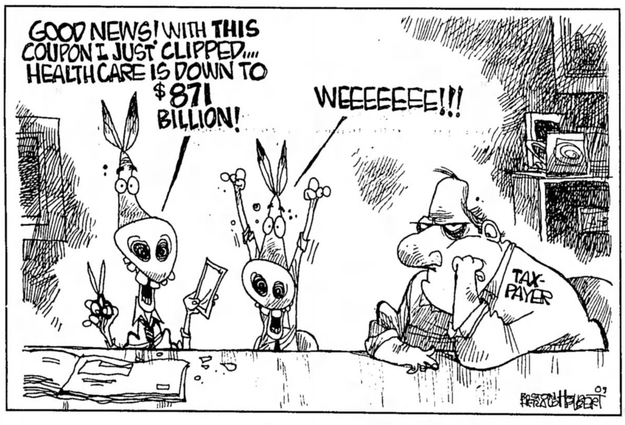
In their lifetimes, they have seen their Christian faith purged from schools their taxes paid for, and mocked in movies and on TV. They have seen their factories shuttered in the thousands and their jobs outsourced in the millions to Mexico and China. They have seen trillions of tax dollars go for Great Society programs, but have seen no Great Society, only rising crime, illegitimacy, drug use and dropout rates.

They watch on cable TV as illegal aliens walk into their country, are rewarded with free educations and health care, and take jobs at lower pay than American families can live on — then carry Mexican flags in American cities and demand U.S. citizenship.

They see Wall Street banks bailed out as they sweat their next paycheck, then read that bank profits are soaring, and the big bonuses for the brilliant bankers are back. Neither they nor their kids ever benefited from affirmative action, unlike Barack and Michelle Obama.

They see a government in Washington that cannot balance its books, win our wars or protect our borders. The government shovels out trillions to Fortune 500 corporations and banks to rescue the country from a crisis created by the government and Fortune 500 corporations and banks.

America was once their country. They sense they are losing it. And they are right.



Free speech undermined

Byron **York**

What does a hate-crimes bill have to do with money for U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq?

Nothing, except that the National Defense Authorization Act, which will soon win final passage in Congress and be sent to the president's desk, also contains the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which Democrats placed inside the defense measure over Republican objections.

The crime bill, which would broaden the protected classes for hate crimes to include sexual orientation and "gender identity," passed the House earlier this year as a stand-alone measure. But it's never had the votes to succeed by itself in the Senate. So over the summer, Democrats, with the power of their 60-vote majority, attached it to the defense bill.

Republicans argued that the two measures had nothing to do with each other. Beyond that, GOP lawmakers feared the new bill could infringe on First Amendment rights in the name of preventing broadly defined hate crimes. The bill's critics, including many civil libertarians, argued that the hate-crimes provision could chill freedom of speech by empowering federal authorities to accuse people of inciting hate crimes, even if the speech in question was not specifically related to a crime.

Republican Sen. Sam Brownback offered an amendment saying the bill could not be "construed or applied in a manner that infringes on any rights under the First Amendment" and could not place any burden on the exercise of First Amendment rights "if such exercise of religion, speech, expression, or association was not intended to plan or prepare for an act of physical violence or incite an imminent act of physical violence against another."

The Senate passed Brownback's amendment. After that, several Republicans, their fears allayed, voted for the whole defense/hate-crimes package, which passed the Senate last July.

Meanwhile, on the House side, representatives passed their own version of the defense-authorization bill, which did not contain the hate-crimes measure.

Then it was time for the House and Senate bills to go to a conference committee, where the differences between them would be ironed out. That's where the real action began.

First, the committee — controlled by majority Democrats, of course — inserted the hate-crimes measure into the House bill, where it had not been before. Then lawmakers made some crucial changes to Brownback's amendment. Where Brownback had insisted, and the full Senate had agreed, that the bill could not burden the exercise of First Amendment rights, the conference changed the wording to read that the bill could not burden the exercise of First Amendment rights "unless the government demonstrates ... a compelling governmental interest" to do otherwise.

That means your First Amendment rights are protected — unless they're not.

The bill was finished. When it was returned to the House in early October for final passage, there was just one vote; lawmakers could either vote for the whole package or against it. They could vote to fund the troops, which would also mean voting for the hate-crimes bill, or they could vote against the hate-crimes provision, which would also mean voting against funding the troops.

At decision time, 131 of the Republicans most opposed to the hate-crimes measure voted against the whole bill. Their vote "against the troops" will no doubt be used against them in next year's campaign, which was, of course, the Democratic plan all along. The bill passed anyway, with overwhelming Democratic support.

Now it's the Senate's turn. Like the House, there will be just one vote. Although some Republicans will balk, the bill will be passed there, too, with big Democratic support.

In the past, Democrats knew they couldn't get away with a trick like jamming a hate-crimes bill inside a defense measure because there was a Republican president to threaten a veto.

"I will sign it into law," President Obama told a cheering crowd at the gay-activist group Human Rights Campaign's annual dinner Oct. 10. "Together, we will have moved closer to that day when no one has to be afraid to be gay in America."

Actually, we will have moved closer to that day when lawmakers use stealthy, behind-closed-doors maneuvers to chip away at fundamental constitutional rights.

Elderly con man gets 20 years for Ponzi scheme

Judge says New York businessman, 83, ran a "shameful, disgraceful and rather ruthless" scam.

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Victims of a multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme who wanted the man who robbed them severely punished got their wish earlier this week, when a judge sentenced the 83-year-old businessman to a 20-year prison term.

"A hundred-fifty years ago we would have taken him out and hung him," said investor Carl Bell, 64, one of three victims who spoke at the sentencing of Richard Piccoli of Amherst, a suburb of Buffalo. About a dozen others looked on.

U.S. District Judge William Skretny rejected a defense request for a sentence that would give Piccoli hope that he would not die in prison, saying he ran a "shameful, disgraceful and rather ruthless Ponzi scheme" that bilked clients recruited largely through ads in Catholic newspapers, using clergy-member investors as references.

"You operated without a conscience. You are a wolf in sheep's clothing," the judge told the grandfatherly Piccoli, who walked slowly to the podium and put eyeglasses on before addressing the court.

"I know I'm going to jail, and I deserve it," said Piccoli, whose scheme lasted nearly 30 years. "I let so many people down."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen Wylegala said authorities estimate Piccoli and his Gen-See Capital Corp. took in $31 million in investments between 2002 and 2009 and that about $7 million was available to partially reimburse victims, many of whom lost tens of thousands of dollars saved over a lifetime of work.

More than 800 people invested with Piccoli, authorities said, and about 500 lost money as he paid earlier investors with money collected from those who came later.

At least 100 people said their finances were ruined, Skretny said.

Defense attorney Joel Daniels said that while defendants in similar cases, including Bernard Madoff, had been driven by greed, Piccoli "was a saver, not a spender," always in search of a good business deal that would let him straighten things out.

"He didn't have any Palm Beach condos. He didn't have any boats," Daniels said.

Piccoli, a widower, drove a leased Toyota Camry, which he turned in last week to raise money for restitution, Daniels said, and sold off four parcels of real estate for a total of less than $400,000.

"He's broke. He doesn't have two nickels to rub together, literally," Daniels said.

Investor Lu Tracy of Rochester said she was forced to give up plans to buy a lakeside home in Atlanta after learning the tens of thousands of dollars she had given Piccoli, based on an ad she picked up in a nursing home, were gone. Piccoli, she said, had shaken her faith in mankind.

"I can't relocate or travel or enjoy my retirement," the 69-year-old former manufacturing supervisor said.

Victim Harold DiMarco, 79, of Buffalo, blamed the stress of losing his own investments for a heart attack he suffered.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30-noon, games and socializing; 12:30-2:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10-noon, ceramics, 10:30-noon, skat and socializing; 1-2:30, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30-noon, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1-2:30, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30-noon, skat and socializing; 12:30-2:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10-noon, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1-2:30, bingo; volunteer dinner.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking club; 9, beauty shop; 9-4, massage; 10, watercolor; 1, German, cards, choir.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9-4, massage; 9, foot appointment, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, zumba gold; 11, healthy steps; 1, bingo, cards, dart ball, news/views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9-4, massage; 9, beauty shop; 10, oil painting; 10:30, Bible study; 1, cards; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, belly dancing; 11, blood pressures, healthy steps; 1, cards, bingo, jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking; 9, mature driving class, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo, 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo.

Friday – 10:30, bingo; 1-4, Halloween party.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, 1, bingo; darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; silver sneakers; 11, "Be Prepared"-PrimeTime Health; 11:30, bingo; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8-10, fried dough; 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, Kenny and Chip-oldies singers; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11, blood pressures; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, bake sale, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 10, blood pressures; 10:30, spooky sing-along; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, low impact exercise, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 2-4, Halloween party; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 8, walking; 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 9-noon, flu shots; 10, sing along, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; puzzles.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – Hot turkey sandwich
Tuesday – Baked ham
Wednesday – Meatloaf with gravy
Thursday – Homestyle chicken
Friday – Baked pork chop

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – Ham slice
Tuesday – Macaroni and cheese
Wednesday – Veal bird
Thursday – Chicken fillet
Friday – Beef stew

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Beth Biedrzycki, of Hometown Pharmacy, gives Harry Bellora, of Monongahela, a flu shot at last Friday's health fair at the Monessen Senior Center. *The Valley Independent* incorrectly reported before the fair that swine flu shots would be available.

'Little Gang' stages annual reunion

The "Little Gang" recently conducted its annual reunion at the Speers Boat Club with its usual semi-riotous atmosphere.

Attending were mostly former residents of Summit Avenue in Monessen who seemed more intent on rejoicing their golden years than addressing any crucial world issues.

In no particular order, they were: John and Frank "Chick" Ciccarelli, Tony "Toto" Crisi, Jim "Rock" Russell, Emil "Stuker" Varga, Joe "Box" Duche, Chris "Greek" Bolias, Ernie "Iffy" Wisyanski, Joe "Papa Joe" Pastorkovich, Joe "Jimbo" Sovich, Fred "Fuzzy" Galilei, Norman "DeBucci" DeMatteo, honorary Summit Avenue resident Fred "Fontana" Fundy and Frank "Shoes" Stancato, who operated a shoe repair shop on Summit Avenue.

Reminiscing was the order of the day, as it has been for the previous 10 celebrations of togetherness that has withstood the ravages of time.

The evening was marked by a tribute to deceased members Bobby "Butterball" Martin, John "Jap" Yonik, Ernie "Legs" Lattanzio and Tom "Sush" Sassak, the latter being the main impetus to these gatherings.

The evening repast was ably managed by the "twin" efforts of Frank and John Ciccarelli, whose performance was more than matched by the enthusiastic consumption of mass quantities of food and drink.

The revelry was controlled to the point that no outside civil interest in the goings-on was evident.

Several unique approaches to the solutions of the current world financial problems were proposed, and consideration is being given to forwarding these to the appropriate agencies.

Since no one at the affair wished to attract personal attention to themselves, it was decided that these suggestions would be sent by anonymous contributors.

All were emphatic when they decided there would be a 12th reunion in 2010.

HEY PITT FANS!
SIGN UP FOR A FREE
@pittsburghpanthers.org
email address
at mypghlive.com

NITTANY LIONS FANS!
SIGN UP FOR A FREE
@pennstatefan.net
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INNOVATIONS
IN SPORTS INJURIES
Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m.
Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center
at Monongahela Valley Hospital

Orthopedic Surgeon Christopher Emond, M.D., along with a team of health care professionals will present a free program to recognize the risk factors for sports inurries and discuss the latest methods of treatment.

This program is part of MVH's Innovations series featuring physician guest speakers providing medical information to the community and qualifies for ACT 48 credits.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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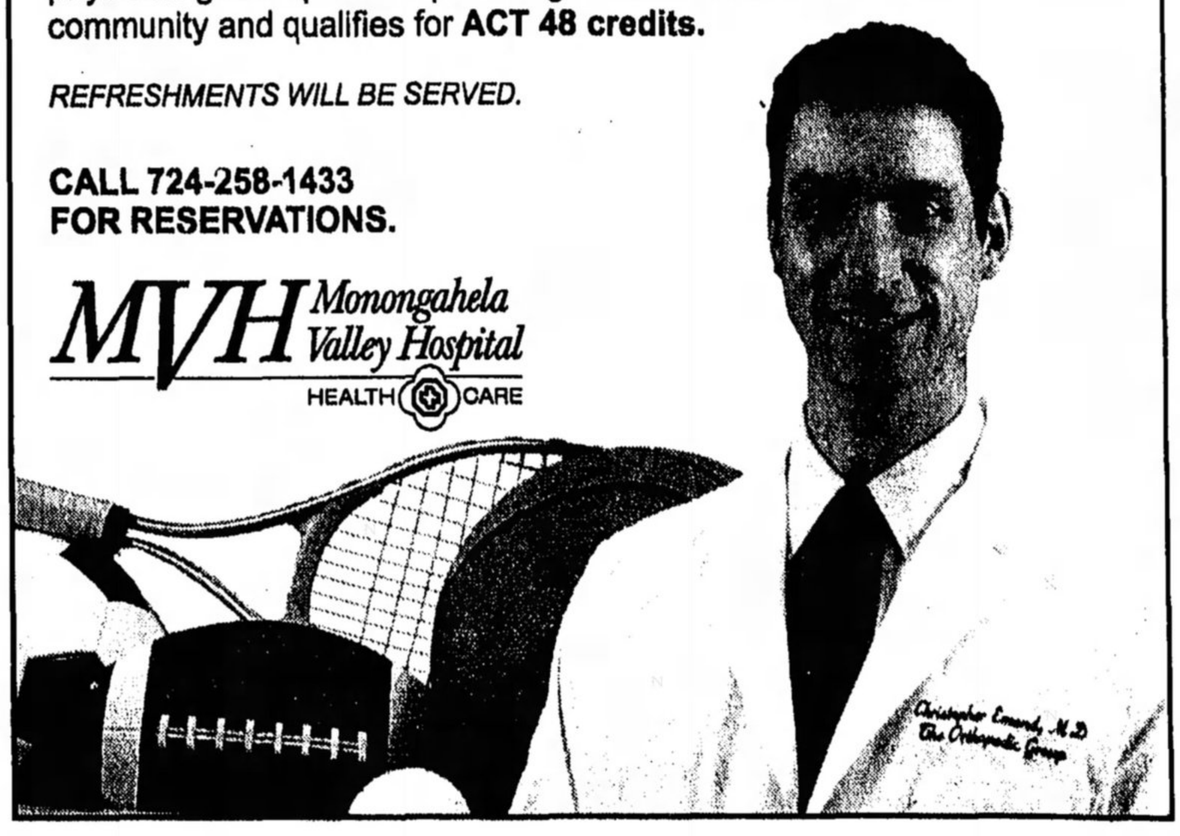


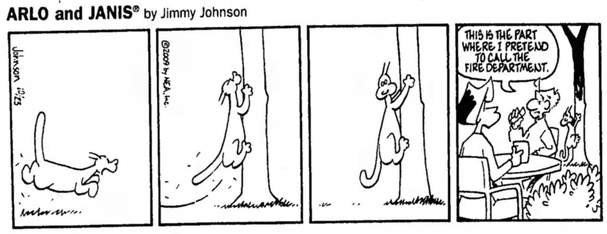
COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

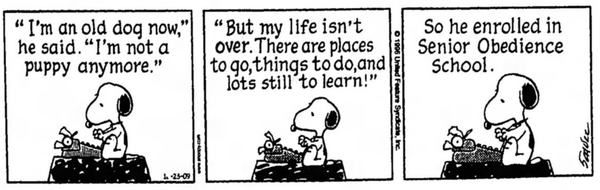
WOE IS ME! WOE IS ME! WOE IS ME!
YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, MOM! FOCUS ON SOMEONE ELSE!
YOU WON'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH BETTER YOU'LL FEEL IF YOU REDIRECT ALL THAT ENERGY TOWARD OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WORLD!!
WOE IS ME !!
...YOU'RE RIGHT! I DO FEEL BETTER!
NOW MY THROAT'S ALL SCRATCHY!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

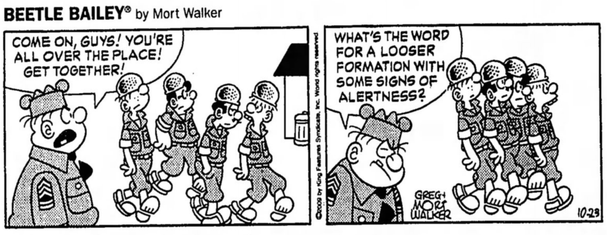
ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson



Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz


"I'm an old dog now," he said. "I'm not a puppy anymore."
"But my life isn't over. There are places to go, things to do, and lots still to learn!"
So he enrolled in Senior Obedience School.

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker


COME ON, GUYS! YOU'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE! GET TOGETHER!
WHAT'S THE WORD FOR A LOOSER FORMATION WITH SOME SIGNS OF ALERTNESS?
GREG+MORT WALKER
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HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

NANCY CLARK CALLED LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT, AND I VOLUNTEERED YOU.
I COULD DO THAT- BUT DON'T YOU HAVE A LOT OF PROJECTS FOR ME TO DO AROUND HERE?
I'M HOPING THAT ONCE YOU GET STARTED YOU'LL KEEP GOING.
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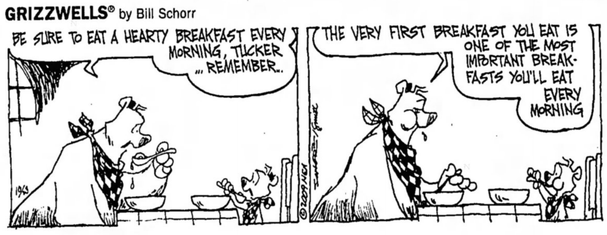
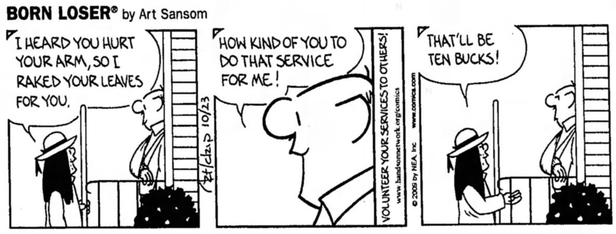
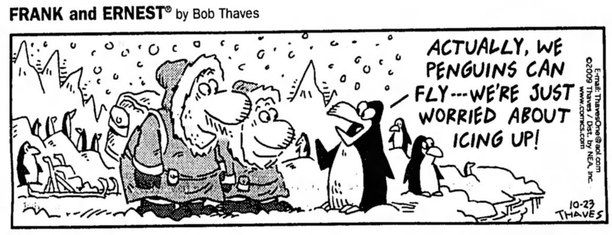
GRIZZWELLS® by Bill Schorr


BE SURE TO EAT A HEARTY BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING, TUCKER ... REMEMBER..
THE VERY FIRST BREAKFAST YOU EAT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BREAK-FASTS YOU'LL EAT EVERY MORNING

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom


I HEARD YOU HURT YOUR ARM, SO I RAKED YOUR LEAVES FOR YOU.
HOW KIND OF YOU TO DO THAT SERVICE FOR ME!
THAT'LL BE TEN BUCKS!
VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICES TO OTHERS!

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



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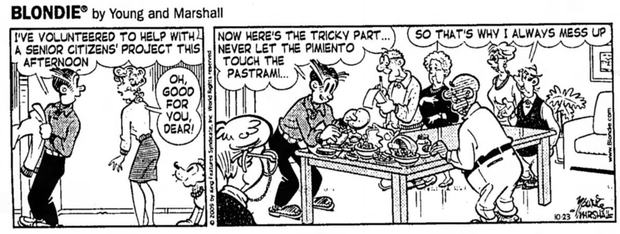
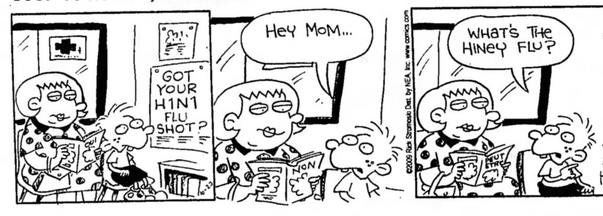

I'VE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH A SENIOR CITIZENS' PROJECT THIS AFTERNOON
OH, GOOD FOR YOU, DEAR!
NOW HERE'S THE TRICKY PART... NEVER LET THE PIMIENTO TOUCH THE PASTRAMI...
SO THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS MESS UP

SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski



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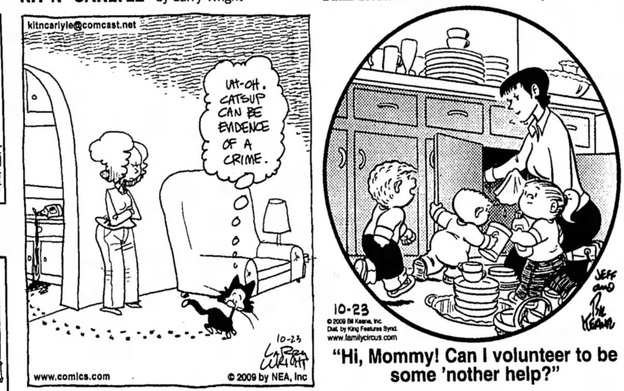

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

NATE, I'M VERY PROUD OF ALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK YOU'RE DOING!
THANKS, DAD!
I THINK A LITTLE FAMILY CELEBRATION IS IN ORDER! HOW ABOUT I TAKE YOU OUT TO SUPPER?
SURE!
ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO! NAME THE PLACE!
SUNSHINE SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED
www.handsonnetwork.org/comics

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT, HONEY...THINGS WILL BE FINE!
WE CAN PAY A FEW BILLS WITH THE MONEY I MAKE FROM POACHING, THEN MAYBE WE CAN GO LIVE WITH MY PARENTS FOR A WHILE!
OH, BOB, HOW DID WE EVER GET IN THIS SITUATION?
JACK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fragrant tree
4 Capture
7 Tight spot
10 Pay dirt
11 Lot size, often
13 Pear throwaway
14 Proposal
15 Trawler's haul
16 Pretty soon
17 Dripping wet
19 Ms. Ferber of literature
20 Draw on
21 Dreaded homework
23 Quick turn
26 Package store buy
28 Yale athlete
29 Give — — break
30 Castle that danced
34 Savalas of "Kojak"
36 Entree choice
38 AAA job
39 Rack up, as debt
41 High point
42 Trite
44 Mal tal ingredient
46 Luxury fur
47 Nuclear reactor fuel
51 Press
52 Glue together
53 Playful bite
55 Wind-driven mist
56 Dry plains shrub
57 Play about Capote
58 Codgers' queries
59 Mal de —
60 Cereal grain

DOWN

1 Watch chain
2 Lens
3 Change decor
4 Lies by the pool
5 Carry out
6 Mom's mom
7 "Klute" star
8 Wry humor
9 Lucy Lawless role
12 Sidled past
13 Kind of salad
18 Puffin kin
22 Glance over
23 Jacuzzi feature
24 Seine vista
25 Zilch
27 Kauai neighbor
29 Chatty pet
31 List ender
32 — de guerre
33 Woolly one
35 Connected
37 Set up
40 Golfers' need
41 Left Bank friend
42 Canoe wood
43 Homless cattle
45 Hypnotized
46 Meditate in silence
48 Walk purposelessly
49 A law — itself
50 Red giant in Cetus
54 Delay, with "off"

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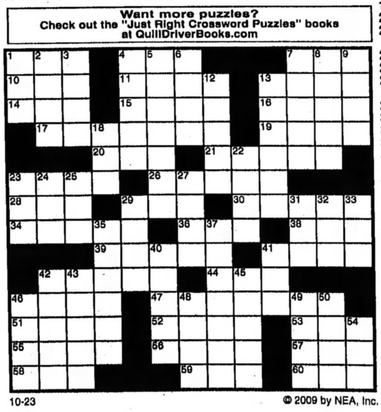

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Slimmed-down wife pumping up her social life

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Laura," and I have been married 15 years. She recently had gastric bypass surgery and has lost 80 pounds so far.

The last time Laura was slim (about seven years ago), she had an affair with a co-worker and we nearly divorced. With her current weight loss, she is now going out with friends from work one night a week. This means that after all the activities we have scheduled for our kids, there is no night for us. I have had two weekends off in the last six weeks. During both of them Laura went to Las Vegas with her friends.

I'm pleased that my wife is happy with her looks, and I don't want to appear insecure, but I can't help but feel it's "deja vu all over again." When I ask where she's going, who she's going with and why now, she gets angry and says she won't put up with my "insecurities." We went to counseling after the affair, but Laura lied and denied she'd had one. I would really appreciate some advice. **— YO-YO HUSBAND IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR YO-YO HUSBAND: Your wife may think it's an invasion of her privacy to be asked where she's going, when she'll be back and who she's spending her time with — but that's the kind of accountability people sign up for when they have a spouse and children. Your insecurity is understandable in light of her past infidelity.

The fact that she'd rather go to Las Vegas for the weekend than spend some alone time with you sends a strong message. I think you already know your marriage is in trouble, so offer your wife the option of marriage counseling. If she refuses — which wouldn't surprise me — go without her. A licensed therapist will help you understand the dynamics of what's going on and help you reach some important conclusions about your future.

DEAR ABBY: It's apparent that the art of saying "thank you" has gone by the wayside. I'm a widow with limited funds who likes to surprise relatives with nice gifts on special occasions. I sent a food gift to one of them as a housewarming present. Her mother wrote and thanked me, but added that it gave her a stomachache and she was sick for three days!

I shopped carefully for a niece who was starting kindergarten. I selected a sweet "girly" backpack in her favorite color with butterflies and a smattering of sparkles. Her mom responded that I should have bought a bigger one with a metal frame so she could also use it for family outings, the beach, the zoo, etc. — as if I knew which ones she liked THIS week.

I sent a classic silk blouse to a young woman who was starting her first office job. Her mother told me she would have preferred something more "youthful."

What is wrong with just saying "thank you"? **— IRRITATED AUNT IN MIAMI**

DEAR IRRITATED AUNT: Nothing is wrong with it; in fact, "thank you" is the appropriate and gracious response. But what these mothers are really telling you is that they never taught their daughters one of the important social graces — how to send a prompt and courteous acknowledgment for any gift they receive. They're also telling you that in the future, you should save your money.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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FRIDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 23, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N) 7 Inside Edition (N) 10 Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Cause for Alarm" One of Eli's patients thinks he is being haunted by his sister's ghost. (N)		Medium "Baby Fever" Allison becomes attached to an infant while investigating a kidnapping. (N)		NUMB3RS "Hydra" The team searches for the daughter of a geneticist. (N)		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Amy Poehler; Nick Griffin; Judy Collins.	(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Julia Louis-Dreyfus; the Avett Brothers.		2 (:37) Extra 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Program	2 10 (:07) Paid Program	2 7 (:37) Paid Program 10 (:37) Cars.TV (N)
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition Amelia Earhart. 23 Jeopardy!	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	Supernanny "Colier Family" A father's relationships with his biological children and stepdaughter.		Ugly Betty "Blue on Blue" Betty strives for a scoop with a new designer. (N)		20/20 (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Terry Bradshaw; Catherine Keener. (N)		4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey 23 (:06) Paid Program	23 (:35) RENO 911! Election tampering.	4 (:06) Paid Program 23 (:05) Paid Program	4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 Paid Prog
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight Scoops and secrets. (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order "Dignity" When a doctor is murdered, the detectives investigate an abortion protester. (N)		Dateline NBC (N)		The Jay Leno Show Michelle Obama; Colin Firth. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 Sports 11 Ch. 11 News	6 11 (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien 9 (:45) High School Football Martins Ferry vs. Wheeling Central Catholic.	6 11 (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Kristen Wiig; David Wells.		6 11 (:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Tucker Max; Emily Cook.	6 11 (:05) Poker After Dark 9 (:15) Poker After Dark (Joined in Progress)		
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 The Simpsons 53 My Name Is Earl	8 That '70s Show 53 Two and a Half Men	8 My Name Is Earl 53 Seinfeld	Brothers (N)	'Til Death "Eddie's Book" (N)	Dollhouse "Belonging" Connection to Rossum Corp. leads to murder. (N)		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) My Name Is Earl Flesh-eating toe infection.	8 (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Seinfeld 53 My Name Is Earl	8 Star Trek: The Next Generation 53 Frasier	53 Paid Program	8 (:05) Paid Program 53 Paid Program	8 (:35) Paid Program 53 Paid Program	8 (:05) Paid Program 53 George Lopez	8 Paid Prog. 53 House of Payne
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		OnQ Close-up; Teen Suicide		Charlie Rose (N)		Off Q	Smart Travels: Europe	Washington Week	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal	
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office "Halloween"	Smallville "Roulette" Oliver is drugged and kidnapped.		America's Next Top Model "Interview 101"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Program	Roseanne
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	The 700 Club (N)		Focus 4		"Hidden Secrets" (2006) Corin Nemec		Gospel		In Touch-Dr		Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		TV One Life	The Zone	The Drive TV	Youthbytes	Pure Passion
59 WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	ReGenesis "Teen Suicide		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Sex & Taxes"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Mayhem"		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami		(12:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Funniest Home Videos		★★ "Addams Family Values" (1993) Anjelica Huston.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Stargate" (1994) Kurt Russell.				★★★★ "Alien" (1979, Science Fiction) Tom Skerritt. Premiere.				★★★★ "Aliens" (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn.				★★ "The Return of the Living Dead"					
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Rogue Nature Bear attacks.		When Animals Strike		I'm Alive "Saved" (N)		I'm Alive "Battlegrounds"		I'm Alive "Saved"		When Animals Strike		I'm Alive "Battlegrounds"		Rogue Nature Bear attacks.	
BBC	Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		Top Gear		Friday Night	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		★ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) Binbad, Phil Hartman. Premiere.						Pay It Off (N)		The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★★★ "Hustle & Flow" (2005) Terrence Howard.			
BRAVO	★★★ "GoldenEye" (1995, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean.						★★★ "GoldenEye" (1995, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean.						★★★ "Tomorrow Never Dies" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan.					Watch What
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Craft Family"				Smarter	Smarter	★★ "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.					Smarter	Smarter	Dallas Cheerleaders		Cheer	World's Strictest Parents	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Trading	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Free Money	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Tosh.0	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Jeff Dunham	Chris Rock: Never Scared			Live at Gotham		Presents	Presents	Chris Rock: Never Scared (PA)			
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington									Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Dirty Jobs		Lobstermen		Lobstermen (N)		How-Made	How-Made	Dirty Jobs		Lobstermen		Lobstermen	
DISNEY	Hannah Montana		Montana	Montana	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Courteney Cox: THS		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Lamas	Lamas	Girls	Girls	The Soup (N)	The Soup	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Sexiest "Pop Divas"		Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NBA	NBA Preseason Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Orlando Magic.						NBA Preseason Basketball Denver Nuggets vs. Los Angeles Lakers.				SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	(5:00) College Football 2001 Arkansas at Mississippi.				Classics	60 Min.	Boxing: Davis vs. Fields		Boxing		AWA Wrestling		AWA Wrestling		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	NASCAR	Interruption	NFL Live	Football Live	College Football Rutgers at Army. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	NBA Preseason Basketball: Hawks at Magic			
EWTN	Church-Poor	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Crossing	Holy Rosary	Defending	St Josemaria	Rome	Bookmark	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Catholic	Defending
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City "Chicago"		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City "Chicago"		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Big East	Penguins Faceoff (Live)	NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)						Penguins	Final Score	NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Pittsburgh Penguins.				Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score
FX	★★ "Ice Age: The Meltdown" (2006) John Leguizamo				★★ "Big Momma's House" (2000) Martin Lawrence.				'70s Show	'70s Show	Sons of Anarchy "Gilead"		(12:04) ★★ "Urban Legend" (1998, Horror) Jared Leto.				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf		Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- AT&T Championship				PGA Tour Golf	Frys.com Open -- Second Round.			Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour -- Tour Championship				PGA Tour Golf: Champions	
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		"Back to You and Me" (2005) Lisa Hartman Black.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place	House	Bang, Buck	House	House	Unsellable	First Place
HIST	Lock N' Load		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load		High Impact: M-16		(12:01) Modern Marvels		Lock N' Load		Lock N' Load	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		DietTribe "Intervention" (N)		Project Runway		Models	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium "Coming Soon"		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Witness to Waco				Lockup Special	
MTV	DIsaster	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	"My Super Psycho Sweet Sixteen" (2009) Julianna Guill.		"My Super Psycho Sweet Sixteen" (2009) Julianna Guill.						Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	The Troop	The Troop	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
OXY	Snapped		Snapped "Rhonda Orr"		★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998, Mystery) Michael Douglas.						★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998, Mystery) Michael Douglas.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN PM	High School Football Keystone Oaks vs. Sto - Rox. (Live)					PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Ch Batch	NightTalk: Get to the Point	PCNC News			NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★★ "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006) Aaron Stanford, Kathleen Quinlan.						Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson					Disorderly Conduct: Video	MANswers		★★ "Friday the 13th"	
SYFY	(5:00) "Monster Ark" (2008)		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe		Stargate Universe "Light"		Sanctuary "Eulogy" (N)		Stargate Universe "Light"		Sanctuary "Eulogy"		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate SG-1 "Talion"	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Family Guy	Pregame	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live)							MLB Post	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	★★ "Four Brothers" (2005) (PA) Mark Wahlberg.			
TCM	★★ "The Law and the Lady" (1951) Greer Garson.				★★★ "The Night of the Hunter" (1955, Suspense)				★★ "Dragonwyck" (1946, Drama) Gene Tierney.				★★★★ "Rebecca" (1940) Laurence Olivier.				(:15) "Pretty Polson" (1968)	
TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception		Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
TNT	Law & Order		Bones		Bones		★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey. (DVS)						★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones. (DVS)					General's Dtr
TOON	Scooby Doo	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Batman	Star Wars	Ben 10	Scary Godmother: Revenge		King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	Squidbillies	Stroker-Hoop	Birdman	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Deep Fried Paradise		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost	Ghost	Most Terrifying Places		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Ghost	Ghost
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
TVLAND	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.				Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Switch"		NCIS "Internal Affairs"		NCIS "Recoil"		Monk (N)		White Collar "Pilot"		(:12) Burn Notice		(12:14) Monk		(:15) White Collar "Pilot"			White Collar
VH1	Real Chance of Love		Behind the Music "T.I." T.I.		Behind the Music		40 Greatest Pranks 2				(:05) Real Chance of Love		For the Love of Ray J		Tool Academy		My Antonio	
VS.	Hunting TV	Outdoor	Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		My Fair Wedding		My Fair Wedding		My Fair Wedding		My Fair Wedding		Bridezillas		★★★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta.			
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Man on the Moon" (1999) Jim Carrey, J. Alan Thomas.				Videos		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Water Horse	(:35) ★ "Problem Child" (1990)			★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996)			(:35) ★★ "Metro" (1997, Action) Eddie Murphy.			(:35) ★★★ "Apocalypto" (2006, Adventure) Rudy Youngblood.						★★ "The 13th Warrior"	
HBO	"The Golden Compass"		(:15) ★★★ "I Am Legend" (2007) Will Smith.				★★★ "Tropic Thunder" (2008) Ben Stiller.				Wanda Sykes: I'ma Be Me			Bored	★★ "Shoot 'Em Up" (2007) Clive Owen.		Real Sex	
MAX	(5:15) ★★★ "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"		(:45) ★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern.						★★★ "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.		Life on Top	Co-Ed Conf.	Co-Ed Conf.	(:35) ★★ "Booty Call" (1997)				
SHOW	Kevin Nealon		Inside the NFL (ITV)		Nurse Jackie	Weeds (ITV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter (ITV)		Boxing Damian Frias vs. Freddy Hernandez. (ITV) (Live)		Inside the NFL (ITV)		Lock 'n Load	One-Eyed		
STARZ	(5:25) ★★★ "Bolt" (2008)		(:05) ★★ "Pineapple Express" (2008) Seth Rogen.		Crash "You Set the Scene"		Crash		Crash		Crash		Crash "Can't Explain"		Crash		Starz Inside Zombie films.	
TMC	Hot Rod	★★ "Love & Sex" (2000)			"Fling" (2008) Brandon Routh, Steven Sandvoss.				★★ "Feast of Love" (2007, Drama)		(:45) "Desert of Blood" (2006, Horror)				(:15) ★ "Good Luck Chuck" (2007) Dane Cook.			

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NEWS

Mon Valley NAACP banquet Saturday

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The Mon Valley National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will host its 49th annual Human Rights Banquet 2 p.m. Saturday in the Natali Student Center at California University of Pennsylvania.

The theme is "Celebrating a Century."

The NAACP turned 100 in February.

KDKA-TV reporter David Hall will serve as master of ceremonies.

Sheron Clark, of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, will be the keynote speaker.

Saxophonist Darnell Anderson, of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Monessen, will perform.

Awards will be presented to the Rev. William Bass, of Monessen, Humanitarian Service; Terry McCullough, of Monongahela, Community Service; Westmoreland Community Action and Tay Waltenbaugh, of Greensburg, Branch Appreciation; and Marguerite Johnson, of Monessen, Branch Volunteer of the Year.

Each will receive citations from their respective representatives in the state Legislature.

The branch will recognize the following 2009 and 2010 Mon Valley NAACP Outstanding African-American High School Students:

2009

Cody Williams, Belle Vernon Area, academics; ShelDon Miller, Monessen, athletics; Richard Wall, Monessen, for community service; and Taia James, Ringgold, community service.

2010

Darnet Howell, Monessen, academics; Cameron Johnson, Ringgold, athletics; Marcus Yuille, Monessen, community service; and Bylly Tarver, Monessen, performing arts.

Special "Celebrating A Century" recognition go to six Mon Valley churches that are at least 100 years: Bethel A.M.E. Church, of Monongahela; Wayman-Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, of Monessen; St. Paul A.M.E. Church, of West Newton; Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, of Brownsville; First Baptist Church of Donora, Donora; and Pleasant Green A.M.E., of Belle Vernon.

Cal U will receive the Corporate Life Membership Award on behalf of the national NAACP.

There will be no ticket sales Saturday. Parking will be available behind the Natali Student Center by access of Hickory Street.

Limited transportation will be provided by van leaving from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Monessen. Call (412) 352-7856 for van transportation information.

For banquet information, call (724) 684-8545.

Area high school students compete in business world

There is still time to register or volunteer for the Mon Valley Titan Business Challenge.

For The Valley Independent

Area high school students will leave their classroom Nov. 6 and enter the business world for a day to compete in the Mon Valley Titan Business Challenge.

Junior Achievement of Western PA Inc. will sponsor the event.

The business strategy tournament for students in grades 10 through 12 will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers.

Using the JA Titan online business simulation computer program, three-student teams from each school will work with a business consultant from a local organization to form strategy and perform the duties of a company management team.

Students will make economic decisions on price, production, marketing, capital investment, and research and development in efforts to achieve high performance indexes.

Students learn the nuances of running global businesses – with success or failure ultimately dependent on how well they make key decisions.

The top three area teams will receive prizes and move on to the Titan Business Challenge Championship in April in Pittsburgh.

The following Mon Valley school districts have agreed to compete in the local competition: Charleroi Area, Yough, Canon-McMillan, Trinity, Serra Catholic, Monessen, Elizabeth Forward, Bentworth and Ringgold.

There is still time to register high school teams, provide company sponsorships or become a business consultant.

Information packets for the competition were mailed to area high schools.

For information about the program, visit http://titan.ja.org.

To register a team or to volunteer, contact Gordon Conn at (724) 772-5900, ext. 130 or e-mail gconn@jawesternpa.org by Oct. 30.

Valley Business appears each Thursday

Albert Gallatin Hospice will conduct its annual memorial service 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at the First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela. The goal is to remember people cared for by the hospice. The inter-denominational service is open to all. For information, call Pam Ridge or Jennifer Croftcheck at (724) 483-4109. Preparing, from left, are registered nurse Judy Franko; nurse Carolyn Gardner; and nurse Ann Demski. Volunteer bereavement coordinator Ridge is standing.

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YOUR CONGREGATION

EXAMPLE OF $30 AD AND YOUR MESSAGE (ACTUAL SIZE)

The Valley Independent will honor religious leaders in our monthly feature Jubilation on October 31st.

For just $30 or $45, you and members of your congregation can show your clergy how much they are appreciated with a "thank you" message and their picture or cross.

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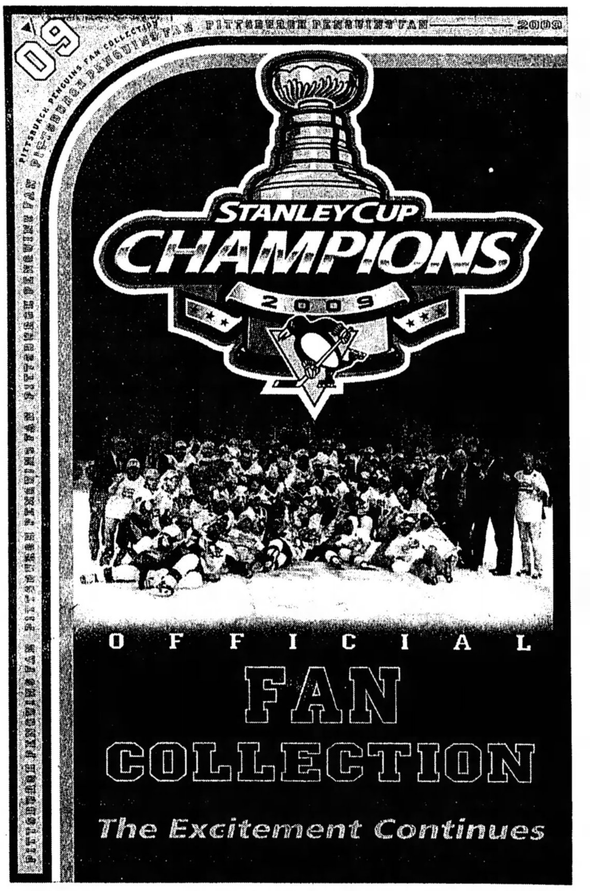

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Don't let baby break the bank

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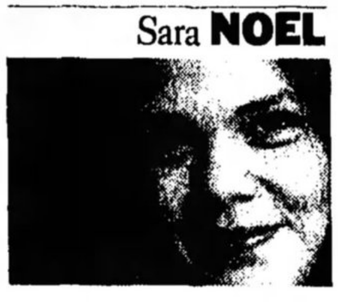

DEAR SARA: I just found out that I'm pregnant, and I want to be prepared for baby expenses. I don't see the need to spend a lot of money, but it's difficult to pinpoint where frugality stops and excess begins. It's such an exciting time. Can you offer a few frugal baby tips? — **Rachel, e-mail**

DEAR RACHEL: Congratulations! There are many decisions to make when it comes to baby supplies and baby gear.

One thing I would not be frugal on is safety, so keep that in mind when buying products. I don't recommend buying a secondhand car seat unless you know it has not been compromised.

If you purchase secondhand gear such as highchairs, toys and playpens, be sure to check for manufacturer recalls. You can find that information on the U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

DIAPERING: Consider using cloth diapers. They're not for everyone, but they have Velcro enclosures now that make them fairly convenient. Liners make changing much easier.

If you opt for disposable diapers, register on manufacturer lists to receive coupons (these are often available at your doctor's office) and ask around for diaper coupons. You can make homemade baby wipes by cutting a roll of heavy-duty paper towels in half (or your own cloth wipes by using flannel and sherpa or baby washcloths) and adding 2 cups of water, 2 tablespoons of baby oil and baby wash.

CLOTHING: Ask around, and see whether anyone has any baby clothes they don't need. You can save a lot of money if you're willing to clothe your baby in secondhand garments from friends, thrift stores, consignment shops and garage sales. Babies grow quickly, so be practical when it comes to newborns.

For example, sleepers instead of fancy outfits would be money spent wisely. Remember that newborns don't need shoes. That's a want, not a need. Clothing options are even greater online, where you can swap clothes and buy new and used clothes inexpensively at places such as Freecycle.com, eBay.com, swaphandmedowns.com and swapthing.com.

Once your baby has outgrown the clothes, you can swap or resell them. Stay organized, and make a list of basic nursery necessities to prevent impulsive purchases.

FEEDING: Consider breast-feeding instead of bottle-feeding. If you prefer to bottle-feed, be sure to register with the formula company for free samples or ask your obstetrician for samples. You can also make your own baby food. I recommend the book "Super Baby Food" by Ruth Yaron (F.J. Roberts, 1998). If you plan to buy baby food, use coupons to lower the cost.

UNECESSARY ITEMS: It's easy to splurge on baby items. If you want to stay on budget, don't forget that some items just aren't necessary. You don't need a wipes warmer, Diaper Genie, tons of baby toys, baby detergent or even a changing table, if you think about it. However, only you can decide what you don't want to live without.

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WEDDINGS

Bachman-Boesse

Tracy Bachman and Gerald Boesse exchanged wedding vows in an outside ceremony Sept. 19 at Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth Township.

The bridal party comprised Patricia Thayer, mother of the bride, and Jodi Mitchell. Alexis Boesse, daughter of the couple, served as flower girl.

Best man was Chad Sowers, brother of the bride. Groomsmen included Keith Thayer, the bride's step-father, and Ray Mitchell. Ring bearer was Reilly Boesse, son of the couple.

The bride was given away by her 20-month-old son, Reilly.

The couple now resides in Monongahela.

Gerald and Tracy Boesse

REUNIONS

Donora High School Class of 1952

Members of Donora High School Class of 1952 celebrated their 75th birthdays with a weekend at Linden Hall in Dawson Aug. 28-29.

Art Kelly was in charge of the Saturday golfers and Jeri Morgan Drake, Rita Battilana Demeter and Pat Cheney were in charge of mailings and reservations. An afternoon and late evening of reminiscing were enjoyed in the hospitality room and the Rev. Joseph Oppong said Mass for the group before the buffet dinner. A breakfast buffet was enjoyed on Sunday morning.

The class also meets for lunch on the last Friday of the month. Classmates will begin their sixth year in January 2010. If any classmates are interested in attending, please call Jeri Drake or any other local classmate for information.

A 60-year class reunion is planned for 2012.

When submitting announcements ...

When submitting information for anniversaries, weddings and engagements, please list the first and last names of all people. We will not run items that list people, for example, as Mr. and Mrs. John Doe.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Epiphany Ladies

President Mary Ann Gallo welcomed members and guests Diane Talarico Adams and pianist Joshua Bandish to the October meeting of the Epiphany Ladies.

Bible enthronement was done by Secretary Sophia Janol and chairpersons Marge Talarico and Ange Caporossi as Adams sang the hymn, "Do Not Be Afraid."

The religious program, Following Christ, "The Way, the Truth, and the Life", was a combination of prayer and song by members and guest soloist focusing on the month of October, which is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and Our Lady.

During the social, members played the "True Blue" game and prizes were awarded.

Janol and Treasurer Alice Frolo issued reports and correspondence was read.

The following gave reports:

Audit - Dorothy Jozwiak. DCCW - Kathy Byron and Deanery V President Janet Mandarino gave a report on the Oct. 3 Deanery meeting held at Epiphany Chapel.

Welfare Chairperson Rene Moncini reported that six get-well cards were sent.

It was announced that an Advent Pilgrimage to St. Emma's will be in December and a Lenten Day of Reflection will be held.

Virginia Saunders celebrated an October birthday and was honored with song and prayer.

Vice President Betty Manderino thanked members for their help with the bi-monthly project.

Saunders reported on the recent Public Square Rosary held at Monessen City Park. The Rosary was prayed for priests and religious before the Masses on Oct. 10 and 11.

Enjoy Books are being sold after all the Masses.

Pat Godla announced a turkey bingo will be held 2 p.m. Nov. 15. Members were asked to volunteer their help and door prizes.

The joint Christmas party will be held at the Alpine Dec. 6.

The organization voted to purchase a cash bash ticket for the parish affair on Oct. 31 and made a donation to Clellian Heights.

Gallo thanked Marge Talarico and Caporossi and the October committee.

Dorothy Jozwiak gave the closing Hail Marys.

Gloria Sala was the winner of the monetary prize by Toni Leone and Pauline DeRose.

The next meeting will be held Nov. 10 with a Mass for living and deceased members before the business meeting.

Seeking exports

Do you know of someone who once lived in the Mon Valley, but moved on to forge a life elsewhere?

Is that person involved in an interesting or successful career?

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NEWS

Belle Vernon Area High School crowned Courtny Jodon as its 2009 homecoming queen Friday. The homecoming court, from left, comprises Jocelyn Connolly, Jessalyn Timko, Laura Giarrusso, Krystal Page, Maria Sasko, Bethany Christopher, Courtny Jodon.

A group of Valley residents and people with links to the Valley took *The Valley Independent* to Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Above, from left, are David Hunter, Nakia Hunter Hall, Susan R. Hunter, Soloman Hall and Addison Hall (front). The Hunters live in Donora. The Halls live in Hartford, Conn.

Michigan bank robber has change of heart

RAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) – A man robbed a Michigan bank and got away – but didn't stay away.

WOOD-TV reports that a 40-year-old Comstock Park resident later called 911 and confessed.

According to the Kent County sheriff's department, the man simply said: "I'm the one that robbed the bank, and I wanted to turn myself in."

Officials at the sheriff's office tell WWMT-TV that an armed man walked into a Chase bank in the Grand Rapids area Wednesday morning and demanded money. The 911 call came more than an hour later.

Valley municipalities plan Halloween trick or treat

Trick or treat will take place as follows:

■ Allenport Borough - 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Belle Vernon Borough - 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Bentleyville - 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ California - 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Carroll Township - 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Charleroi - 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29; 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at downtown businesses.

■ Donora - 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Elizabeth Borough - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Elizabeth Township - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Fallowfield Township - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29

■ Finleyville - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Forward Township - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Monessen - 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Monongahela - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ New Eagle - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Newell - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31. A costume and carved-pumpkin contest will take place 5 p.m. in the borough building. Pumpkins should be carved in advance for judging.

■ North Belle Vernon - 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ North Charleroi - 6 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29, limited to borough residents children 12 and younger. Each child must have a sticker as proof of these requirements. Stickers will be distributed at the Lock 4 Fire Company annex 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 26 and 28.

■ Perryopolis - 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Perry Township - 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31. Participating residents should turn on their porch lights.

■ Roscoe - 3 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Rostraver Township - 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Speers - 5 to 7 p.m., Oct. 31.

■ Union Township - 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Washington Township - 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Long Branch, 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ West Newton - Oct. 31, after the parade, which starts at 1 p.m., until dark.

Many parades planned

■ Bentleyville - 1 p.m. Saturday, downtown Bentleyville, sponsored by the Bentleyville Recreation Board. A Halloween celebration at Richardson Park will take place that evening.

■ California - Oct. 28, lineup, 6 p.m. at 100 Wood St.

■ Charleroi - 7 p.m. Oct. 28. Downtown trick or treat will take place 5 to 6 p.m. at downtown businesses. It will be sponsored by TEAM Charleroi. Call (724) 483-3070 for information. Prizes will be awarded after the parade.

■ Donora - Oct.29. Line-up, 5 p.m. , parade, 6 p.m., First annual Bill Schempp Memorial Smog-Hallween Parade, sponsored by Donora Smog Commemorative Committee and Donora Fire Company.

■ Elizabeth - 7 p.m. Oct. 26. Lineup begins 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Plum and Second streets.

■ Monessen - 7 p.m. Oct. 29.

■ Monongahela - 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Line-up will take place 6 p.m. in Chess Park. Judging will take place at the aquatorium, where $500 in prizes will be awarded. For information, call (724)258-5919.

■ North Belle Vernon - 1 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Perryopolis - 5 p.m. Oct. 31. Starts at the town circle.

■ Roscoe - 2 p.m. Oct. 31.

■ Speers - 2 p.m., Oct. 31, line-up at Speers United Methodist Church.

■ West Newton - 1 p.m. Oct. 31.

Talluah, a female chimpanzee, plays with a ghost costume Wednesday during the San Francisco Zoo's 'Boo at the Zoo' Halloween celebration.

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ACADEMIC LEAGUE

MATCH SCORES
OCTOBER 19, 2009

Junior Varsity

Frazier	47
Charleroi	8
Beth-Center	30
Washington	21
Bentworth	34
Yough	21
California	30
Monessen	11

Varsity

Charleroi	14
Frazier	10
Washington	42
Beth-Center	6
Monessen	16
California	12
Monessen	32
Bentworth	13

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Junior Varsity

Beth-Center	5.5
Frazier	5.5
Bentworth	3.5
California	3.5
Monessen	2.5
Yough	2.5
Washington	1
Charleroi	0

Varsity

Washington	6
Monessen	5
Charleroi	4.5
Yough	4
California	2.5
Beth-Center	1
Bentworth	0.5
Frazier	0.5

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

Junior Varsity

Alex Antonio	Beth-center	62
Robert Morrow	Bentworth	46
Boyd Stinnett	California	36
Creg Milko	Frazier	22
James Novobilsky	Frazier	22
Mark Steiner	Yough	22
Scott Babilya	Yough	20
Joe Germinario	Monessen	20

Varsity

Andrew Bell	Washington	44
Jonathan Meidel	Yough	26
Jimmy Conkle	Washington	20
Zach Meharey	Charleroi	20
Samantha Ritzer	Bentworth	20
Austin Chegini	California	18
Jade Lewis	Monessen	14
Ian Abrahamsen	Monessen	12
Chris McNaney	Yough	12
Shannon Kuhn	Frazier	10

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JoePa a Wolverine?

Four decades ago, the Nittany Lions' mentor was offered the top job at Michigan. Needless to say he passed on it.
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Valley SPORTS

Angels stay alive, 7-6

Los Angeles pulled a late-inning comeback to defeat the Yankees and move their ALCS series back to New York for Game 6.
4B

UConn's tragedy

The Huskies will play for the first time after DB Jasper Howard died as a result of being stabbed during a campus incident.
2B

Sports Trivia

Who served as Belle Vernon Area's head football coach the last time the Leps beat Thomas Jefferson in 2000? 4B

Last night's games

Philadelphia 4, Boston 3, SO
Washington 5, Atlanta 4
Montreal 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Nashville 6, Ottawa 5, OT
Edmonton 6, Columbus 4
Phoenix 3, Detroit 2, OT
Los Angeles 5, Dallas 4, OT

It's been a while

Once a proud rivalry, BVA-TJ is now one-sided as the Leps' last win in the series came in 2000.

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Most Belle Vernon Area High football fans can't remember the last time the Leps beat Thomas Jefferson.

Aaron Krepps, the Leps' rookie head coach, can and for good reason.

He doubled as a flanker and defensive back in the Leps' 24-20 victory over the Jaguars in the 2000 season opener at James Weir Stadium.

Krepps didn't waste any time making his presence felt against the Jaguars in the non-conference contest.

On the game's first scrimmage play, Krepps set up BVA's first touchdown when he went 56 yards to the TJ one on a pass from tailback Nick Kalcevic,

Erik Gill, who's now on Krepps' staff, was also a two-way starter for the Leps in the contest.

Eight years later, Krepps and Gill are back on the BVA sidelines as the Leps attempt tonight to end the longest winning streak against WPIAL teams held by TJ at 44 at the Jaguars' field.

No one has to tell Krepps that his Leps are in the underdog role.

"They're the No.1 team in the state and our kids are excited with the opportunity of playing them," he said.

If the Leps (4-3, 2-2) have any hopes of knocking off the Jaguars (7-0, 4-0), they're going to have to do something no other team has done this season - contain quarterback Sam Johnston and receiver Jim Giansante.

Johnston has completed 58 of 95 passes for 1,176 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Giansante averages 21 yards a catch with 36 receptions for 765 yards and 8 TDs.

"Johnston is poised and has a good offensive line in front of him," said Krepps. "Giansante is very talented. I haven't seen a receiver better than him."

Sophomore Ryan Ruffing is the team's leading rusher with 557 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Offensively, the Jaguars may be the most balanced team in the WPIAL.

The Jaguars are averaging 167 yards on the ground and 165 in the air.

Defensively, TJ is allowing only 149 total offense yards a game, including 76 on the ground and 73 in the air.

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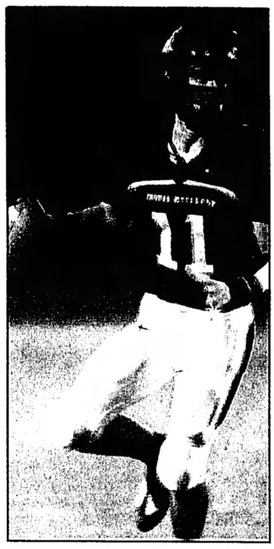
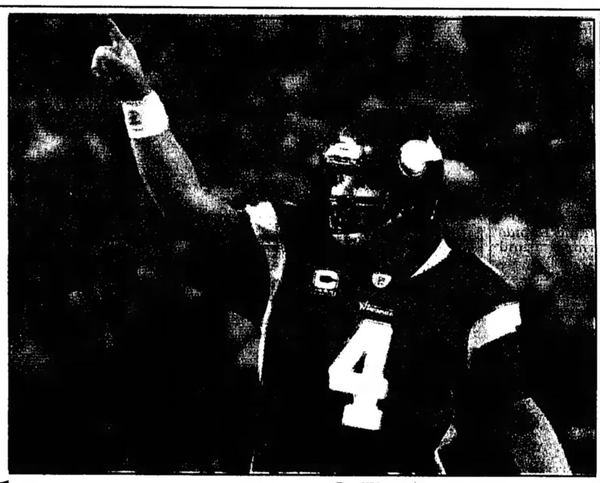


Sam Johnston

Jim Giansante



Legendary quarterback Brett Favre and the unbeaten Vikings pay a visit to Heinz Field Sunday afternoon.

Steelers wary of Favre

Many players idolized Vikings' QB when they were younger.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nearly all the players in the Pittsburgh locker room can remember a Brett Favre highlight or big pass he completed when they were youngsters.

Some wore his No. 4 jersey. Some are so young they can't remember him breaking into the NFL in 1991, when linebacker LaMarr Woodley was 6. Only one member of the Steelers defense was on the team the last time Favre played in Pittsburgh 11 years ago.

"I was a kid watching him," Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said Thursday. "I've always been a big fan."

While Favre already has retired and returned a couple times, the Steelers are very aware the three-time NFL MVP can beat them if they let him on Sunday. Favre threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns as Minnesota beat Baltimore 33-31 last week, proving again that age is just a number.

Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau realized that when he flipped on a video and saw a Favre pass travel 63 yards.

"He throws it plenty far enough," LeBeau said. "I suppose when was 21 he could throw it a little farther, but 63 yards in the air, that's far enough."

Enough for the Steelers (4-2) to know what they're facing Sunday in the Vikings (6-0) and their 40-year-old quarterback.

"Whoever gave you that information (that Favre is done) is a doofus," Steelers safety Ryan Clark said. "They weren't watching this guy. He starts out 8-3 and is doing really well with the Jets last year and it's documented now that he had arm problems. It wasn't that he was old, the guy had an injury. He's a Hall of Famer, and he's playing like it."

Favre had a torn biceps muscle last season and needed arthroscopic surgery in May on his throwing arm. So far it's holding up, and the Steelers now find themselves going against a quarterback most have seen only on TV — and, for some of them, a long time ago.

"You don't get in awe, but you know he's capable of doing things other guys can't do," cornerback Deshea Townsend said. "When you're out there playing against him, you better make sure you cover those traps because he can find it."

The last time Favre played in Pittsburgh, cornerback Deshea Townsend, now 34, was a 23-year-old rookie.

"You want to go out there and try to confuse him, make him think a little bit before he throws the ball, but one thing about him is he's seen so many defenses," Townsend said. "You've got to think about his career and all the defenses he's seen. You might make him think, go into his mental playbook a little deeper, but you're not going to confuse him."

The Steelers do that, Favre said, with the various blitzes LeBeau can throw at an offense. The Steelers haven't blitzed as often this season, partly because safety Troy Polamalu (knee) was hurt for four games, but Favre said they're as confusing as ever.

"They give you so many looks that it's hard to pin down who's coming," Favre said. "Most of the guys have been in the scheme for a long time. Obviously, their defensive coordinator has been in it forever. He knows it all, he's seen it all and he can dial up things. It's just a lot of exotic looks. ... Physically, you have to beat them. They get after you."

The problem with gearing an offense to take away Favre's deep throws — Sidney Rice had 176 yards receiving against Baltimore — is that Adrian Peterson leads the NFL with 624 yards rushing. He's also scored seven touchdowns.

"It's going to be a challenge, man, but it's never about the other team, it's always about us," nose tackle Casey Hampton said. "If we do our thing and do what we're supposed to do, we'll be all right."

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Polamalu sits, but expected to play

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers safety Troy Polamalu didn't practice for the second straight day while he heals from a left knee injury.

Polamalu is not believed to have had a setback in his rehabilitation, and he's expected to play Sunday against Minnesota as long as he practices today.

Normally, the Steelers require a player to practice only once in advance of a game.

Polamalu returned from a four-game layoff with a torn medical collateral ligament to make an interception Sunday against Cleveland. He jammed his knee into the turf once during that game, but coach Mike Tomlin indicated later he wasn't reinjured on the play.

Charleroi, Monessen face key road tests

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With four teams from each conference making the WPIAL football playoffs these days, sitting in second place going into the next-to-last Friday night of the regular season usually looks like a pretty good situation.

Not in the Class AA Interstate Conference where Charleroi makes its home.

The Cougars are in a five-way tie for the runnerup spot, two games behind unbeaten Mt. Pleasant.

While Mt. Pleasant is in the playoffs, Charleroi is battling with Washington, Greensburg Central Catholic, Jeannette and McGuffey for the other three spots.

The Cougars, however, face the toughest schedule of the quintet if they hope to make the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

First, Charleroi has to win at Washington tonight and probably at home next Friday against Mt. Pleasant.

If four or five of the teams remain deadlocked , the WPIAL will turn to the Gardner Point System where Charleroi is currently last with 23 points.

Greensburg Central has 43 Gardner Points followed by Jeannette (36), Washington (28) and McGuffey (26).

In Washington, the Cougars are facing the team which has made the WPIAL's biggest turnaround.

Last year the Prexies were among the WPIAL's worst teams with a 1-8 record including losses by scores of 50-0 to Greensburg Central Catholic, 67-8 to Jeannette and 50-6 to McGuffey.

This season under new coach Mike Bosnic, the Prexies are 5-2, riding a four-game winning steak and coming off a 24-16

(See CHARLEROI, Page 4B)

Sliding Rock next up for hot Vulcans

Slippery Rock coach has high praise for a team he has beaten 16 times in 21 games.

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Long-time Slippery Rock football coach George Mihalik knows a good team when he sees one.

And no one has to tell him that he'll be looking at one of the best the PSAC West has to offer in California University Saturday at noon at N. Kerr Thompson Stadium.

"They're solid in all phases." said Mihalik, who's 16-5 all-time against the Vulcans. "Josh Portis has come into his own after learning the offense and defensively they're strong against the run."

Unlike Cal which was 0-2 before winning six straight, the Rock has lost two-in-a-row after getting off to a 3-0 start.

"We've been inconsistent," said Mihalik. "We've yet to play an entire game both offensively and defensively."

The Rock's defense, which limited Indiana to a field goal and Mercyhurst to 16 points in successive wins, has given up 78 points in its last two outings - losses to Clarion and Gannon.

While the Rock's offense was piling up 468 total offense yards and scoring 48 points, the Rock's defense was giving up 558 total offense yards including 311 on the ground and 51 points.

One of the Rock's standouts on offense is redshirt sophomore receiver Devin Goda of Elizabeth Forward, who turned down an offer from California.

I"He's a talented and athletic kid who we tried to recruit," said California coach John Luckhardt.

Even though he's started only two games, the 6-4 Goda is the team's leading receiver with 25 receptions for 358 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"They have a nice corps of receivers," said Luckhardt.

Jermale Cromerdie, a 6-2 junior from McKeesport, has 19 catches for 374 yards and 6-1 redshirt freshman Kenny Cottman of Beaver Falls has 16 receptions for 203 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Rocco Colavecchia has completed 84 of 181 passes for 1,142 yards and eight touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

Redshirt sophomore Sayquan Scott-Mitchell is the team's leading rusher with 669 yards, six touchdowns and a 5.9 average. Mitchell ran for 139 yards and two scores in the loss to Gannon.

The Rock has one of the conference's better kickers in junior C.J. Bahr, son of former Penn State and NFL kicker Chris Bahr and nephew of former Pittsburgh Steeler kicker Matt Bahr. Bahr has eight of 11 field goals and 20 of 21 extra points.

Bahr had a school-record string of 65 successful extra points

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UConn tragedy

Jasper Howard came to Connecticut to provide a better life for his family

By PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press Writer

STORRS, Conn. — Jasper Howard had the names of his teenage sisters Keyondra and Jasmine tattooed across his chest.

His friends say it was a constant reminder for the Connecticut cornerback nicknamed "Jazz" of why he went to college — to work hard for an education and possibly a pro football career.

Yet even those goals were just an avenue to get his family out of Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood and give them a better life.

"And he was doing all those things," UConn football coach Randy Edsall said Tuesday. "And that's what is so sad. That is what makes this thing so tragic. He was doing everything that we asked him to do to escape and to better himself and to better his family."

Howard was fatally stabbed early Sunday morning in the center of UConn's campus, about 30 miles from Hartford, tucked away in what is known as the "quiet corner" of northeastern Connecticut.

"I'm from New York, and Jazz was from the inner city, too," said Lorin Dixon, a player on the UConn women's basketball team who became one of Howard's best friends. "Your parents bring you up here. They believe you're going to be safe."

A 21-year-old Hartford man, Johnny Hood, was arrested at the scene and charged with breach of peace and interfering with police during the incident, but Hood has not been charged with the stabbing. A Hartford attorney, Deron Freeman, said he represents another man whose home was searched in connection with the fight. Freeman said his client did not stab Howard but was present when Howard was mortally wounded.

Police had no new developments in the case Tuesday, but members of Howard's family — who traveled from Miami on Monday — said they are confident the killer will be apprehended.

"We have a lot of pain," Henry Williams, Howard's stepfather, told reporters. "We still have hurt, but we can go on now feeling a little better because a lot of our questions have been answered. The captain of the state police told me, 'The case will be solved,' and I believe him."

For Howard, home was an apartment near Miami's Edison High School, which sits in a rough neighborhood of one-story, tropical-colored homes, some with a few boards where windows should be.

On a recent day, a few dogs wandered the street and nosed through trash on the sidewalk. A housing development is just around the corner; the area is known in Miami for its poverty and violence.

Howard's high school coach, Corey Bell, said he always cautioned his players about staying smart in that rough neighborhood, how the combination of education and football could take them to a better place.

"I made certain to educate those guys, to really emphasize to them how imperative it was for them to stay focused, stay humble, stay hungry and get the best education they could and figure out ways to make their situation better in life," said Bell, now the director of football operations at the University of Miami.

Sacha Challenger, Howard's biology teacher, said Howard did just that. He always was in class on time and was "a motivator on and off the field."

"He was devoted to school," she said. "I don't think any mother could have asked for a better son."

The diminutive Howard, 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, was not considered a blue-chip football recruit. But Edsall saw talent and passion, and gave him a scholarship.

His freshman roommate, safety Kijuan Dabney, said the first time he saw Howard, he was not impressed.

"I just remember a little boy, long dreadlocks and red eyes answering the door," Dabney said. "I was like, 'Who they got me rooming with?'"

"He was so small when he got here, they thought he was going to have to redshirt and gain weight and everything. But once you see him play you're like, 'OK, he's ready. He's a warrior.'"

The transition to college life was not smooth.

Howard's mom, Joanglia, was working more than one job back home to support the family. His youngest sister had health issues after battling a severe case of meningitis.

Howard hated not being there to help. During his freshman year, he considered dropping out of school and going to work.

"He told me he was ready to go home," Dabney said. "He wanted to help his mom and his sisters, but coach Edsall took him under his wing, he told him everything was going to be all right and ever since that day on, Jazz was doing work and Jazz was playing hard on the field."

Cornerback Darius Butler, now with the New England Patriots, mentored him.

Howard played as a true freshman and started as a sophomore, leading the Big East in punt returns. This year, his junior season, Howard was becoming a standout.

On Saturday night, he was out with a few teammates, celebrating a big homecoming win over Louisville, a game in which he starred. He had 11 tackles, and stripped and recovered a key fumble in the 38-25 victory.

Howard and his friends went to a dance at the student union. A fire alarm was pulled at about 12:30 a.m. A crowd poured outside and police believe an altercation ensued.

Someone pulled a knife and stabbed Howard.

One fatal wound. Two teammates tried in vain to help him as he lay bleeding.

There was nothing anyone could do.

On Monday, Howard's family visited the campus and met with his teammates. His mother hugged every one.

His stepfather, Henry Williams, said hearing how his son touched so many lives has made his death a bit easier.

"This was Jazz's second family," Williams said. "He treated it like that. When he came here, he fell in love with this place. And it makes me feel good and it makes his mother feel good to see the love that came from this place, to see the things he learned here and to see what he left here, 'cause he touched a lot of people here."

Game of the Week

No. 8 Texas Christian at No. 16 Brigham Young, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. This week's only matchup of ranked teams involves these Mountain West powers, both shooting for a spot in a BCS bowl. BYU is seeking revenge for last year's loss to the Horned Frogs, which ended the Cougars' BCS hopes.

Spotlight Games

No. 3 Texas at Missouri, 8 p.m. Saturday on ABC. The Longhorns risk a letdown after last week's win over Oklahoma, while the Tigers have lost to two ranked teams after a 4-0 start.

Cousins

No. 6 Iowa at Michigan State, 7 p.m. Saturday on the Big 10 Network. Kirk Cousins has thrown nine touchdown passes for the Spartans, who are a Big Ten contender with a 3-1 record.

No. 11 Oregon at Washington, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on ABC. The Ducks have won five in a row since a season-opening loss at Boise State. The Huskies are 1-3 since upsetting Southern California.

Area Teams

Saturday

South Florida at Pittsburgh, noon.

No. 13 Penn State at Michigan, 3:30 p.m.

Connecticut at West Virginia, noon

BCS Standings

Urban Meyer's Florida Gators top this year's first edition of the BCS Standings. Here's the top 10 with their conferences:

1. Florida, SEC
2. Alabama, SEC
3. Texas, Big 12
4. Boise State, WAC
5. Cincinnati, Big East
6. Iowa, Big Ten
7. Southern California, Pac 10
8. Texas Christian, Mountain West
9. Louisiana State, SEC
10. Miami Florida, ACC

Quotable

"All I wanted him to do was go to school and get an education, and he was doing what I asked him to do."

Joanglia Howard, mother of Jasper Howard

Life isn't sweet for Zac and Cody

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cody Green is a bit conflicted.

The freshman wants to win the Nebraska starting quarterback's job for Saturday's game against Iowa State.

But he knows the opportunity comes at the expense of his friend and current starter Zac Lee, who has been ripped and booed by fans for his ineffectiveness.

"With me being close to Zac, I feel sorry for him tremendously," Green said. "I wish I could take some of the pain off him just because I don't want that feeling for anybody, really. A whole state jumps on somebody's bandwagon one minute and jumps right off the next."

Green's bandwagon is loading up fast this week

Associated Press

Zac Lee has felt the anger of Nebraska fans and may lose his job to Cody Green.

A year ago at this time, the 6-foot-4, 220-pounder was leading Dayton (Texas) High to a state runner-up finish and was ranked among the top 10 quarterback prospects in the country by major recruiting services.

He picked Nebraska over Texas A&M and Texas Tech, and he enrolled in January so he could get a jump on learning the offense in spring practice. It was a good decision, and offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said he would have no qualms starting Green if he proves best in practice.

"I don't ever put boundaries on a kid," Watson said. "Cody is just one of those guys who needs time. He's a lot better than he was four or five weeks ago."

Credit for that, Green said, goes as much to Lee as to Watson.

Lee befriended Green and took him under his wing last winter. Green said he owes the junior a debt of gratitude for helping him acclimate and giving him pointers.

"I've learned how to manage the offense and when to take shots and when not to, just to be a complete quarterback," Green said.

The fact Green is in position to start is more an indictment of Lee than a statement about how Green has played so far.

Green came in for one series in the third quarter in last week's 31-10 loss to Texas Tech and was called for delay of game before taking his third snap.

He returned for the last two possessions of the fourth quarter, throwing a touchdown pass to Khiry Cooper and getting intercepted.

Pelini said Green "didn't grade out exceptionally well" during film review. But with Nebraska in need of a spark, Green is getting a long look this week.

"It's the one thing that any competitor or a second-string competitor dreams of, that one chance to go out there and show what you can do," Green said. "Right now, it's that time."

Lee struggled the first three quarters at Missouri on Oct. 8 before he threw three fourth-quarter touchdown passes in a 27-12 come-from-behind win.

He couldn't build off the strong finish. Only one of the eight drives he led against Texas Tech resulted in points. He took four sacks, a couple self-inflicted because of indecisiveness, and he missed open receivers. Only two of his 16 completions went for more than 10 yards.

"For whatever reason, we didn't have breakout plays," Lee said. "That's just the black and white of it. We didn't have plays we needed to make. I'm the guy up front. That's just how it is."

SPORTS

Soccer playoffs

Boys
First Round
Class AAA
Saturday

2 p.m. - Seneca Valley (9-7-1) at Bethel Park (14-3-1).

4 p.m. - Baldwin (9-7) at Norwin (13-4-1); Kiski Area (12-5-1) at Upper St. Clair (15-2-1).

Monday

7:45 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (9-7-1) at Fox Chapel (17-0-1).

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Central Catholic (13-2-2) vs Shaler (8-5-3) at Pine- Richland

7:45 p.m. - Gateway (12-6) at Pine-Richland (10-4-2); Penn-Trafford (12-5-1) at Peters Township (13-2-1)

Bye - Mt. Lebanon (16-1-1)

Class AA
Saturday

4 p.m. - Knoch (9-7-1) at Center (13-4); Mt. Pleasant (12-6) at Hampton (13-3)

Monday

6 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (10-5-2) vs Burrell (15-2-1) at Mars

7:45 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (11-5-2) at West Allegheny (16-1-1); Indiana (12-6) at Mars (17-1); Montour (11-5-2) at Beaver (11-5)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-3-1) vs Keystone Oaks (13-3-2) at Mt. Lebanon.

7:45 p.m - Ambridge (11-7) vs South Park (16-2) at Baldiwin.

Class A
Saturday

4 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle (12-6) at Shady Side Academy (13-5)

Monday

6 p.m. - Trinity Christian (11-7) vs Carlynton (15-1-2); St. Joseph (8-9-1) vs Greens burg Central Catholic (14-4) at Mt. Pleaant; Serra (13-5) vs Freedom (13-2-1) at Ambridge.

7:45 p.m. - Beaver County Christian (11-7) vs S ewickley Academy (10-6-2) at Ambridge.

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Bentworth (9-7-2) vs Canevin (12-6) at Bethel Park.

7:45 p.m. - Charlroi (11-6) at Springdale (12-1-3).

Bye - Quaker Valley (15-3).

Girls
Class AAA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Mars (14-3-1) at Upper St. Clair (9-6-2); North Allegheny (13-5) at Hampton (10-4-4).

4 p.m. - Connellsville (10-8) at Franklin Regional (13-5); Montour (9-6-3) vs Thomas Jefferson (11-5-2) at Chartiers Valley.

6 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (13-5) at Chartiers Valley (12-6)

First Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (14-2-2) at Norwin (14-3-1)

Monday

6 p.m. - Southmoreland (13-1-2) at Fox Chapel (14-2-1).

7 p.m. - Gateway (14-3-1) at Penn-Trafford (14-3-1)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Mars-Upper St. Clair winner at Peters Township (15-1-2).

7 p.m. - Montour-Thomas Jefferson winner at Seneca Valley (17-0-1)

7:45 p.m. - Connellsville-Franklin Regional winner at Moon (16-0-1); North Allegheny-Hampton winner at Mt. Lebanon (13-3-1) Canon-McMillan-Chartiers Valley winner at Bethel Park (16-1-1).

Class AA
Preliminary Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Deer Lakes (9-6-2) vs Geibel (10-6) at Franklin Regional; Quigley (9-8-1) vs Steel Valley (9-7) at Chartiers Valley.

First Round
Saturday

2 p.m. - Greensburg Central Catholic (14-3-1) at Shady Side Academy (13-3-1); McGuffey (11-6) at Center (14-2-1).

Monday

6 p.m. - South Fayette (10-7-1) at Beaver (14-1).

7 p.m. - Quaker Valley (9-6-2) at Seton-LaSalle (13-4).

7:45 p.m. - Canevin (9-7-1) at Mt. Pleasant (14-4)

Tuesday

6 p.m. - Deer Lakes-Geibel winner vs South Park (15-1-1) at Baldwin; Neshannock (13-3-2) vs Sewickley Academy (14-3-1) at Moon; Quigley-Steel Valley winner at Springdale (14-1-2)

Youth swimming

The Belle Vernon Area Swim Club will host Mt. Pleasant Aqua Club Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. after losing 320-263 to the host Derry Area Aqua Club.

The BVA winners follow:
Girls

8 and under - Isabella Bradery, 25 freestyle; Morgan Susick, 25 butterfly and 25 backstroke; Kristen Tetil, 50 freestyle.

15 to 18 - Nicole Kemmerling, 50 and 100 freestyle and 100 fly.

Boys

8 and under - Ian Shahan, 25 freestyle and 25 fly; Ben LaCarte, 25 backstrooke.

9 and 10 - Jordan McCaskill, 50 freestyle and 50 fly; Greg Fedor, 100 individual medley and 50 breaststroke,

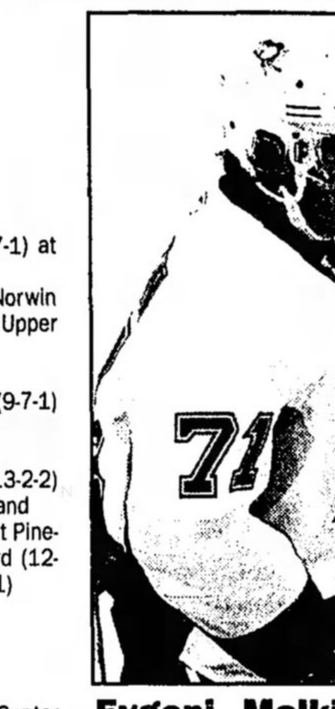
NBA preseason

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 92, Miami 87
Minnesota 122, Detroit 114
Sacramento 104, Oklahoma City 89
L.A. Lakers 106, Denver 89
Portland 113, Phoenix 93
Golden State 126, New Orleans 92

Today's Games

Memphis at Charlotte, 10:30 a.m.
San Antonio vs. Indiana at Bloomington, Ind., 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. New Jersey at Jamaica, N.Y., 8 p.m.
Toronto vs. Minnesota at Sioux Falls, S.D., 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.



Evgeni Malkin and the Pens take on Florida, 7:30 p.m., on Fox Sports Net.

Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Denver vs. L.A. Lakers at San Diego, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m..

Sports dial

Today
Television

2 p.m. - Golf Channel - Nationwide Tour Championship, golf.

5 p.m. - Golf Channel - Frys.com Open, golf.

7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Florida at Pittsburgh, hockey.

7:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - AT&T Champioship, golf.

8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Rutgers at Army, college football.

8 p.m. - ESPN - Atlanta at Orlando, pro basketball.

10 p.m. - SHO - Damian Frias vs Freddy Hernandez, boxing.

10:30 p.m. - ESPN - Denver at L.A. Lakers, pro basketball.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Sto-Rox at Keystone Oaks, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Florida at Pittsburgh, hockey.

7:30 p.m. - WJPA (1450) - Charleroi at Washington, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - Mt.Lebanon at Baldwin, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - Uniontown at Southmoreland, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WBGG (970) - Bethel Park at Canon-McMillan, high schol football.

7:30 p.m. - WLSW (103.9 FM) - Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant, high school football.

7:30 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Burgettstown at Fort Cherry, high school football.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
T. Jefferson	4	0	7	0
Chartiers Valley	4	1	6	1
West Mifflin	2	2	5	2
BV Area	2	2	4	3
Trinity	2	3	2	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	4	3
Ringgold	0	4	2	5

Today

BV Area at T. Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at Elizabeth
West Mifflin at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	4	0	6	1
Laurel Highlands	3	1	3	4
Uniontown	3	1	4	3
Derry	2	2	2	5
Albert Gallatin	2	3	3	4
Yough	1	4	1	6
S'moreland	0	4	0	7

Today

Grb. Salem at Laurel Highlands
Albert Gallatin at Derry
Uniontown at S'moreland
Yough at Trinity

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	7	0	7	0
Charleroi	5	2	5	2
Jeannette	5	2	5	2
McGuffey	5	2	5	2
Washington	5	2	5	2
Greensburg Central	5	2	5	2
Waynesburg	2	5	2	5
Brownsville	1	6	1	6
South Allegheny	0	7	0	7
East Allegheny	0	7	0	7

Today

Charleroi at Washington
Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant
Brownsville at East Allegheny
Waynesburg at McGuffey

Saturday

Greensburg CC at South Allegheny, 1 p.m.

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con.	Overall
	W L	W L
Monessen	5 0	5 2
Beth-Center	4 1	5 2
Jefferson-Morgan	3 2	5 2
California	3 2	4 3
Carmichaels	3 2	3 4
Geibel	1 4	2 5
Mapletown	1 4	1 6
West Greene	0 5	0 7

Today

Monessen at Carmichaels
Jeff-Morgan at California
Geibel at Mapletown
West Greene at Beth-Center

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Today

Clairton at Avella
Frazier at Serra
C-Houston at Bentworth
Burgettstown at Fort Cherry

Big East football

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	4	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Today

Rutgers at Army, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday

Connecticut at West Virginia, noon (ESPNU)
South Florida at Pittsburgh (Big East Network)
Louisville at Cincinnati, 3:30 p.m. (ESPNU)
Akron at Syracuse, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball playoffs

Thursday

L.A. Angels 7, N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. leads series 3-2.

Saturday

Los Angeles (J.Saunders 16-7) at New York (Pettitte 14-8), 7:57 p.m.

Sunday

Los Angeles (Jer.Weaver 16-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8), 8:20 p.m (if necessary).

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Nick Kenney trainer.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Waived F Mike Sweetney.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Waived G Dontell Jefferson and G Antonio Anderson.

CHICAGO BULLS—Waived F Chris Richard.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived G Andre Barrett, G Russell Robinson and C Darryl Watkins.

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived C Jake Voskuhl.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived G Will Conroy.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Waived G Will Blalock, F Bennet Davis and F Brian Hamilton.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived G Joe Crawford and F Chris Hunter.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Waived F Michael Ruffin.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Exercised the third-year contract option on F Marreese Speights and fourth-year contract options on C Jason Smith and F Thaddeus Young.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed F LaMarcus Aldridge to a five-year contract extension. Waived F Ime Udoka and C Jarron Collins.

UTAH JAZZ—Waived F Ronald Dupree and G Paul Harris.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Waived G-F Vincent Grier.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Anaheim F Evgeny Artyukhin three games as the result of a slew-footing incident against Dallas D Matt Niskanen during Wednesday's game.

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled F Guillaume Lefebvre from Providence (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned LW Patrick Rissmiller from Hartford (AHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned F Matt Jones from Worcester (AHL) to Kalamazoo (ECHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled LW D.J. King from Peoria (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled C Keith Aucoin and LW Alexandre Giroux from Hershey (AHL).

COLLEGE

ARKANSAS—Named Tom Farden women's assistant gymnastics coach.

MASSACHUSETTS—Named Cecelia DeMarco women's assistant basketball coach.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	9	8	1	0	16	33	19
N.Y. Rangers	10	7	3	0	14	37	26
New Jersey	8	5	3	0	10	22	21
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	9	25	22
N.Y. Islanders	8	1	4	3	5	18	31

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	7	5	1	1	11	23	14
Ottawa	8	5	2	1	11	27	22
Boston	9	4	4	1	9	26	29
Montreal	9	4	5	0	8	22	26
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	9	5	2	2	12	34	28
Atlanta	7	4	2	1	9	25	20
Tampa Bay	8	3	3	2	8	22	29
Carolina	8	2	4	2	6	18	26
Florida	7	2	5	0	4	16	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	5	3	1	11	31	26
Columbus	8	5	3	0	10	25	24
Detroit	8	3	3	2	8	24	28
St. Louis	7	3	3	1	7	20	20
Nashville	9	3	5	1	7	18	31

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	6	1	2	14	30	21
Calgary	9	6	2	1	13	36	31
Edmonton	9	6	2	1	13	36	26
Vancouver	9	4	5	0	8	26	27
Minnesota	8	2	6	0	4	18	27

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OTPts	GF	GA
Phoenix	8	6	2	0	12	21	12
Los Angeles	10	6	4	0	12	33	33
Dallas	10	4	2	4	12	33	31
San Jose	10	5	4	1	11	34	31
Anahelm	8	3	4	1	7	18	25

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Boston 3, SO
Washington 5, Atlanta 4
Montreal 5, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Nashville 6, Ottawa 5, OT
Tampa Bay 5, San Jose 2
Edmonton 6, Columbus 4
Phoenix 3, Detroit 2, OT
Los Angeles 5, Dallas 4, OT

Today's Games

Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Sunday, Oct. 25

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
California	5	0	6	2
Edinboro	4	1	6	2
Clarion	4	1	5	3
Mercyhurst	3	2	4	4
Slippery Rock	2	3	5	3
Indiana	1	4	4	4
Gannon	1	4	3	5
Lock Haven	0	5	0	7

Saturday

Noon - Edinboroa at Mercyhurst
1 p.m. - California at Slippery Rock; Indiana at Clarion; Lock Haven at Gannon

Youth football

Mon Valley League
Midgets
Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	7	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	6	2	0
Norwin	4	4	0
South Allegheny	1	7	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	7	1	0
Frazier	5	2	1
Monessen	5	3	0
Southmoreland	4	3	1

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Beth-Center	7	1	0
California	4	4	0
Brownsville	2	6	0
Bentworth	0	8	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Donora	6	2	0
Charleroi	2	5	1
Union-Finley	2	5	1
Monongahela	0	8	0

Last week's results

Donora 24, Charleroi 0
Rostraver 20, Mopnessen 18
S'moreland 14, Frazier 14
Brownsville 40, Bentworth 6
Beth-Center 40, California 6
Elizabeth 26, Norwin 6
Yough 36, South Allegheny 6

Mighty Mites
Northern Division

	W	L	T
Norwin	7	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	3	5	0
South Allegheny	3	5	0
Yough	1	7	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	8	0	0
Frazier	7	1	0
Monessen	4	4	0
Southmoreland	1	7	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Brownsville	6	2	0
Beth-Center	4	4	0
California	2	6	0
Bentworth	0	8	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Union-Finley	7	1	0
Monongahela	6	2	0
Donora	4	4	0
Charleroi	1	7	0

Last week's results

Union-Finley 6, Monongahela 0
Donora 34, Charleroi 0
Rostraver 30, Monessen 0
Frazier 20, S'moreland 0
Brwonsville 32, Bentworth 0
Beth-Center 30, California 0
Norwin 26, Elizabeth 0
Yough 22, South Allegheny 20

Termites
Northern Division

	W	L	T
Elizabeth Forward	7	1	0
Norwin	7	1	0
South Allegheny	6	2	0
Yough	2	6	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	8	0	0
Monessen	7	1	0
Frazier	6	2	0
Southmoreland	1	7	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
California	5	3	0
Beth-Center	3	5	0
Brownsville	2	6	0
Bentworth	0	8	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Monongahela	5	3	0
Charleroi	3	5	0
Donora	2	6	0
Union-Finley	0	8	0

Last week's results

Monongahela 14, Union-Finley 6
Charleroi 16, Donora 6
Rostraver 36, Monessen 6
Frazier 26, S'moreland 8
Brownsville 14, Bentworth 0
California 26, Beth-Center 0
Norwin 8, Elizabeth 0
South Allegheny 20, Yough 0

Tiny Mites
Northern Division

	W	L	T
Yough	7	1	0
Norwin	7	1	0
Elizabeth Forward	6	2	0
South Allegheny	3	5	0

Eastern Division

	W	L	T
Rostraver	8	0	0
Frazier	5	2	1
Monessen	5	3	0
Southmoreland	0	8	0

Southern Division

	W	L	T
Beth-Center	5	2	1
California	3	5	0
Brownsville	2	6	0
Bentworth	1	7	0

Western Division

	W	L	T
Charleroi	5	3	0
Union-Finley	4	4	0
Monongahela	1	6	1
Donora	0	7	1

Last week's results

Union-Finley 22, Monongahela 6
Rostraver 36, Monessen 18
Frazier 28, S'morland 18
Brwonsville 14, Bentworth 0
Beth-Center 22, Californi a 14
Norwin 22, Elizabeth 8
Yough 34, South Allegheny 6

Playoffs
Saturday
At Frazier

3 p.m. - Termites, Rostraver (1) vs Monongahela (8)

4:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites, Frazier (2) vs Monessen (7)

6 p.m. - Midgets - Beth-Center (3) vs Frazier (6)

8 p.m. - Tiny Mites, Norwin (3) vs Beth-Center (6)

Sunday
At California

Noon - Tiny Mites, Rostraver (1) vs Monessen (8)

1 p.m - Midgets, Rostraver (2) vs Monessen (7)

3 p.m. - Termites, Monessen (2) vs California (7)

4:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites, Union-Finley (3) vs Mon ongahela (6)

At S'moreland

Noon - Termites, Norwin (3) vs Frazier (6)

1:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites, Norwin (4) vs Brownsville (5)

3 p.m. - Tiny Mites, Yough (2) vs Charleroi (7)

4 p.m. - Midgets, Yough (1) vs Southmoreland (8)

At Elizabeth

1 p.m. - Termites, Elizabeth Forward (4) vs South Allegheny (5)

2:30 p.m. - Midgets, Elizabeth Forward (4) vs Donora (5)

4:30 p.m. - Tiny Mites, Elizabeth-Forward (4) vs Frazier (5)

5:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites, Rostraver (1) vs Donora (8)

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Oct 25		
Week Seven		
S. Diego	5 (44)	KC
Indianapolis	13 (46)	ST. LOUIS
CINCINNATI	1 1/2 (42)	Chicago
Green Bay	7 (42)	CLEVE.
PITTSBURGH	4 (45)	Minn.
a-N. England	14 1/2 (45)	T. Bay
HOUSTON	3 (44)	San Fran
NY Jets	6 (35)	OAKLAND
CAROLINA	7 (38)	Buffalo
New Orleans	6 (47)	MIAMI
DALLAS	4 (47)	Atlanta
NY GIANTS	7 (46)	Arizona
Monday, Oct 26		
Philadelphia	7 (38)	WASH.

a-at London, England.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Rutgers	10 (38)	ARMY
Saturday, Oct 24		
MARSHALL	7	Ala-Birm.
SYRACUSE	10	Akron
DUKE	5 1/2	Maryland
Georgia Tech	5 1/2	VIRGINIA
MIAMI-FLA	4 1/2	Clemson
PURDUE	10	Illinois
C. Michigan	8 1/2	BOWLING GR.
N'WESTERN	6	Indiana
OHIO ST	18	Minnesota
PITTSBURGH	7	South Florida
W. VIRGINIA	7	Connecticut
S. CAROLINA	12 1/2	Vanderbilt
NEBRASKA	18	Iowa St
Ball St	2	E. MICHIGAN
N. Illinois	11	MIAMI-OHIO
Oklahoma St	9	BAYLOR
OHIO	10	Kent St
W. MICHIGAN	5	Buffalo
La Tech	2	UTAH ST
NOTRE DAME	8	Boston Coll.
ALABAMA	15 1/2	Tennessee

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Steelers upped their record to 6-2 with a 42-7 Monday Night victory over Denver. Franco Harris ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns with Terry Bradshaw throwing touchdown passes to Lynn Swann and Sid Thornton.

20 Years Ago

Warren Moon threw two touchdown passes in the Houston Oilers' 25-0 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

10 Years Ago

Nick Kalcevic ran for a school-record 291 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 62-7 Belle Vernon Area rout at Mt. Pleasant.

Ringold upset previously unbeaten Mt. Lebanon, 27-20, in overtime with Jeremy Gerba running for 173 yards and scoring the game-winner from 2 yards out on third down.

Monessenclobbered Mapletown, 40-0, for its fifth shutout with DeAngelo Jackson and Matt Tartt scoring defensive touchdowns with 45 and 59 yard fumble returns.

Jeff Dumm threw three touchdown passes in Charleroi's 49-20 loss at Jeannette.

Pat Risha wnt over 1,000 yard with 253 yards and four touchdowns in Elizabeth Forward's 47-14 romp over Southmoreland.

REMEMBER when?

Mon Valley Catholic's Jim Miale played football for Thiel College in 1984.

Oregon	10	WASHINGTON
TEXAS TECH	21	Texas A&M
Penn St	4 1/2	MICHIGAN
Oklahoma	7 1/2	KANSAS
Texas	13 1/2	MISSOURI
NAVY	2 1/2	Wake Forest
COLO. ST	8	San Diego St
UTAH	9	Air Force
NEVADA	15 1/2	Idaho
ARIZONA	7 1/2	Ucla
CALIFORNIA	35	Washington St
TOLEDO	3	Temple
MISSISSIPPI	6 1/2	Arkansas
CINCINNATI	18	Louisville
SO. MISS	21 1/2	Tulane
Central Fla	10	RICE
KANSAS ST	4	Colorado
Iowa	Pick	MICHIGAN ST
Tcu	2 1/2	BYU
Florida	23	MISS. ST
HOUSTON	16 1/2	Smu
Fresno St	24	N. MEXICO ST
LSU	8	Auburn
Univ	1	NEW MEXICO
USC	21	Oregon St
STANFORD	6 1/2	Arizona St
Boise St	26	HAWAII
UL-LAFAYETTE	3	Florida Atlantic
ARK. ST	11	Fla Inter.
TROY	18 1/2	North Texas
KENTUCKY	17	UL-Monroe
MID. TN ST	18 1/2	W. Kentucky

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49	41
x-Chicago	11	7	12	45	39
New England	10	10	9	39	32
Toronto FC	10	10	9	39	37
D.C.	9	8	12	39	41
Kansas City	8	13	8	32	31
New York	4	19	6	18	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pts	GF	GA
x-Chivas USA	13	10	6	45	32
x-Houston	12	8	9	45	36
x-Los Angeles	11	6	12	45	34
x-Seattle	11	7	11	44	36
Colorado	10	9	10	40	42
FC Dallas	11	12	6	39	40
Real SaltLake	10	12	7	37	40
San Jose	7	13	9	30	36

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched conference

Thursday

Chicago 1, Chivas USA 0.

While (FROM PAGE ONE)

TJ was averaging 41 points until being limited to 20 in last week's victory at Chartiers Valley in the rain on a Thursday night.

TJ's defense has blanked its last three opponents - Laurel Highlands, Elizabeth Forward and Chartiers Valley.

Uniontown is the only team to score more than one touchdown against the Jaguars in a 34-19 defeat the second week of the season.

BVA, meanwhile, moved into the playoff picture with victories over Trinity and Ringgold in its last two outings.

"I'm excited where we're at and feel we've progressed fairly well," said Krepps.

Matt Green leads the Leps in rushing (818 yards) and scoring (66 points).

Quarterback Brandon Dilmore has completed 30 of 67 passes for 560 yards and five touchdowns with five interceptions. He's also run for four scores.

SPORTS

FEARLESS FIVE

HERMAN

DEVORE

NACCARATO

OLIVER

WALD

Charleroi at Washington	Washington	Washington	Charleroi	Washington	Washington
South Florida at Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
Pen State at Michigan	PennState	Penn State	Michigan	Penn State	Penn State
Vikings at Steelers	Vikings	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Bears at Bengals	Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears
49ers at Texans	Texans	Texans	49ers	Texans	Texans
Saints at Dolphins	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Bills at Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Bills	Panthers	Panthers
Falcons at Cowboys	Falcons	Cowboys	Cowboys	Falcons	Cowboys
Eagles at Redskins	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Last week	6-4	7-3	6-4	8-2	5-5
Season record	35-25	33-27	31-29	39-21	39-21

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BV Area braces for talented Norwin in first round of playoffs

Lady Knights, Lady Leps rate as toss-up.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Just how even are the Belle Vernon Area Lady Leopards and their first-round playoff opponents, the Norwin Lady Knights Saturday afternoon?

BVA enters the contest with a 14-2-2 record, including going 12-0-2 in its last 12 matches, while Norwin is 14-3-1.

Want more? BVA has outscored its opponents 84-11 while Norwin has an 83-15 advantage. BVA has has eight shutouts, three more than Norwin.

Paul Sasko, the Lady Leps coach who has led the team to five conference titles in as many years, knows his team will be in for a battle.

"Norwin is a very strong team that has a very long and successful history," ,he said. "They are very talented with no apparent weaknesses."

Norwin is led by striker Dana Dellefemine, a Division I prospect.

"She is very good, but they have a lot of depth," Sasko said. "We will have to be on top of our game."

Sasko feels that the play of his defense could be a key.

"As always, we have to play well defensively to have a chance," he said. "We will have to patient on the attack and try to maintain possession. Norwin will get some chances, but our defense will have to be up to the challenge."

BVA's defense consists of fullbacks Alexa Henry, Danielle Weight, Megan Kelly and Katie Lewis, and keeper Lindsey Lash.

Henry and Weight are seniors, Kelly and Lash are juniors and Lewis is a sophomore.

Offensively, BVA has a balanced attack that Norwin will have to counter.

Senior midfielder Michelle Miele leads the way with 20 goals and 14 assists. Miele is followed by senior midfielders Marla Sasko (16 goals and 16 assists) and Kylee Heck (15 goals and 9 assists), sophomore striker Caitlin Pasternak (12 goals and eight assists) and freshman striker Lauren Kovalchuk (9 goals and 6 assists).

Senior Jessalyn Timko also starts at midfield, and Jamie Fordanich, another senior midfielder, is returning to lineup after missing time due to an injury.

Other key reserves include a pair of midfielders, sophomore Julee Persichetti and freshman Rebecca Buza.

Sasko says that his team, especially the seniors who went 54-0-2 during their section careers, will be ready for the 2 p.m. contest.

"The girls are not excited about going on the road, but they have been through a lot," he said. "They have five playoffs games and two wins under their belts."

Angels' win: Monkey business

L.A.'s late-inning comeback earns 7-6 win; extends ALCS.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mere moments after the Los Angeles Angels unleashed their leaping, screeching, rambunctious Rally Monkey on the scoreboard, they erased a late deficit and saved their season.

Surely that monkey business was just a coincidence. He's just a marketing gimmick, a video star and a plush toy — right?

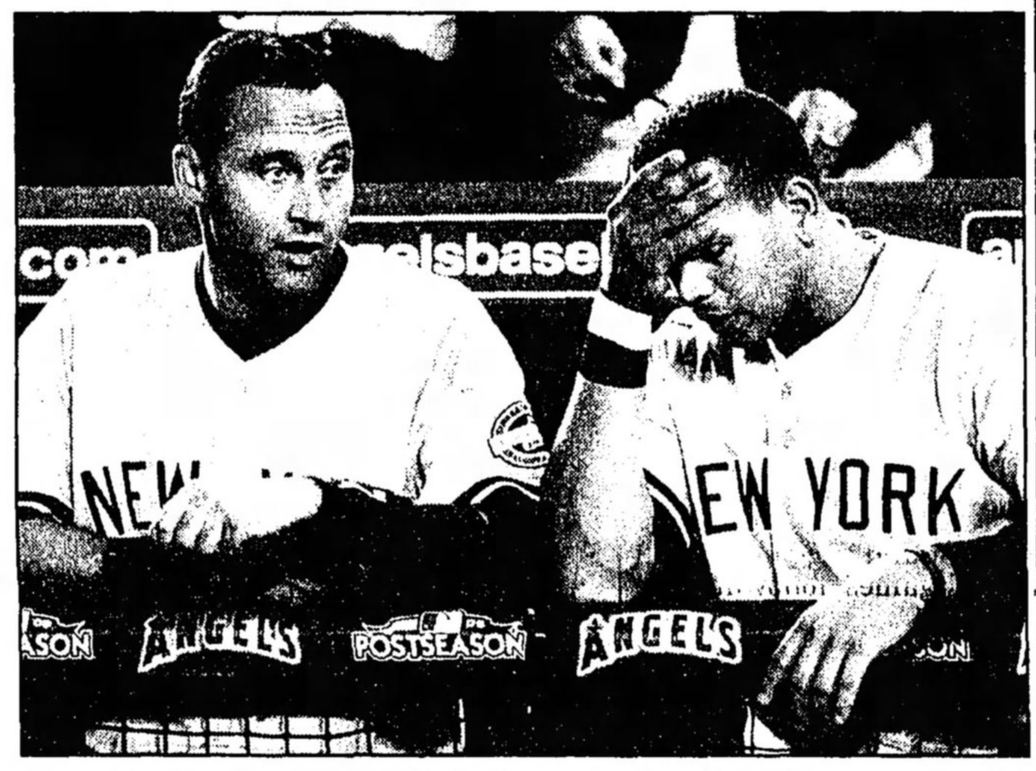
Not to the fans who watched it happen Thursday night in the latest improbability of an AL championship series game. Not to the Yankees, who were three innings away from tickets to the World Series before the Angels snatched them away with a 7-6 comeback victory that cut New York's edge to 3-2.

"Anything is possible, man," Angels outfielder Torii Hunter said. "Baseball is a crazy game, man. You see some crazy things. Every time you come to the game, you've probably been to 1,000 games, and you see something different every year."

Kendry Morales drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the seventh inning as the Angels responded to the Yankees' six-run comeback moments earlier with a three-run rally of their own, each hit more improbable than the last.

When closer Brian Fuentes retired Nick Swisher on a bases-loaded, full-count popup for the final, perilous out, the Angels and their monkey had held on — and evoked the faintest echoes of the Yankees' last trip to this stage of the postseason, which ended in their unprecedented four-game flameout in 2004.

"It's a missed opportunity, but we still have another game," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We've bounced back from tough losses all year long. We've had it happen to us before and been able to get off the carpet."



New York's Derek Jeter, left, and Alex Rodriguez react to the Angels' late comeback to win Game 5.

Game 6 is Saturday night at Yankee Stadium, with Andy Pettitte facing Los Angeles' Joe Saunders. Also in the forecast: a huge rainstorm.

When Robinson Cano jubilantly rolled into third base with a two-run triple to put New York up 6-4 in the seventh, everything in somber Angel Stadium pointed to a clinching victory, a record 40th AL pennant and a date with Philadelphia next week for the Yankees. Surely the season would be forever tainted by manager Mike Scioscia's decision with two outs in the seventh to pull John Lackey, the workhorse starter who dominated New York for six innings.

Instead, the Angels showed off the knack for late-game comebacks they've possessed ever since their run to their only championship in 2002, when the beloved Rally Monkey began appearing in the late innings. Los Angeles set the franchise record with 47 comeback wins this season, and both of their playoff wins over the Yankees were comebacks.

Although two games in the Bronx — and shutdown starter CC Sabathia — still stand in the Angels' way, the collapse raised the slightest reminders of what happened to the Yankees' last big lead in an ALCS. The Red Sox famously rallied from an 0-3 deficit in 2004, making a late rally to win Game 4 before finishing off the biggest comeback in baseball history in seven games.

SPORTS DIGEST

BVA knocks off Charleroi, 31-19

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team knocked off previously unbeaten Charleroi, 31-19.

Megan Staley (11) and Ashley Seman (6) combined for 17 points for the Little Lady Leps (13-9, 10-2).

Jordan Swarmer and Angie Tilghman both had six points for Charleroi (15-1, 11-1).

BVA volleyballers lose to McGuffey

Belle Vernon SRea High;s volleyball team cvlosed the sesson with a 3-2 loss to McGuffey.

Justins Szakla had eight kills and three blocks and Christine Plavchak seven aces for the Lady Leps who won by 25-21 and 25-18 scores and lost 25-20, 25-20 and 15-9.

Trivia answer

BVA Athletic Director Jim Bush, who coached in place of then-suspended coach Gary Dongilli.

No charges for Raiders' Cable

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable won't face charges after being investigated over allegations that he assaulted one of his assistants.

Napa County district attorney Gary Lieberstein said that the investigation concluded no charges were warranted. Cable has denied the charges from the beginning.

Paterno could have been at Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — JoePa had a chance to become a Michigan man four decades ago.

Early in his storied career at Penn State, Joe Paterno met with Michigan's athletic director in Pittsburgh after the 1968 season.

"We talked and he offered me the job," Paterno recalled. "They hired Bo Schembechler."

The Wolverines lured Schembechler away from Miami of Ohio in 1969 and when he retired two decades years later, his 234 victories trailed just Bear Bryant, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Pop Warner and Woody Hayes.

"Once a year Don used to write me a letter and say, 'Thanks!'" Paterno said, laughing.

Paterno stuck with Penn State and now he's in his 44th season in charge and 60th on its coaching staff. JoePa's 324th win broke Bryant's record in 2001 and after Bobby Bowden surged ahead, he took the lead back last year.

Paterno will lead the 13th-ranked Nittany Lions (6-1, 2-1 Big Ten) Saturday on the road against Michigan (5-2, 1-2) with a chance to extend his mark with a 390th victory.

"What he and Bobby Bowden has done, it's amazing and I don't think it ever will be duplicated," Rodriguez said. "I think his record and Bobby Bowden's record will be there for a long, long time. They're going to have to hire somebody when they're 12 and hope the person stays till he's 50."

Paterno and Rodriguez, though, do have something in common.

They were not universally popular during their debut seasons.

Rodriguez lost a school-record nine games last year, and college football's winningest program looked like it might be in trouble.

"Rich Rodriguez, I know, got a lot of flack last year," Paterno said.

JoePa knows the feeling.

"My first year, people wanted to get rid of me," Paterno recalled. "I lost five games first year I coached. Next year we only lost two. I think it takes a while sometimes for kids to get adjusted to a different style."

The Wolverines aren't ready to declare their program completely turned around, but a strong finish and some help could put them in a position to contend for the Big Ten title.

Judge won't throw out Big Ben rape case

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada judge denied a motion Thursday to dismiss a lawsuit accusing Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger of raping a woman at a hotel-casino in Lake Tahoe.

Washoe District Court Judge Brent Adams also refused a request by a lawyer for the two-time Super Bowl champ to sanction the woman's attorney for pursuing the case without sufficient evidence.

The judge said in a one-page order that Cal Dunlap, a lawyer and former district attorney, had met the minimal standards required to avoid the imposition of sanctions in his representation of the former VIP host at Harrah's Lake Tahoe who accused the quarterback of sexually assaulting her and Harrah's of covering it up.

"I'm not surprised by the judge's ruling," Dunlap said. He declined further comment.

David Cornwell, Roethlisberger's lead attorney, said in a statement the judge's ruling suggests he was giving the woman "the benefit of the doubt at a stage in the proceedings where a full examination of her contemporaneous statements and conduct is premature."

The suit seeks a minimum of $440,000 in damages from Roethlisberger and at least $50,000 in damages from Harrah's officials regarding the alleged incident in July 2008 in a penthouse across the street from the upscale Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course.

Roethlisberger was in town for a celebrity golf tournament.

He has denied the allegations and maintains the woman acted voluntarily at all times while in his room.

Charleroi (FROM PAGE ONE)

upset victory over Jeannette.

The Prexies are led by senior quarterback Marquis Brown and junior running back Zach Barnes.

Brown has thrown for 516 yards and seven touchdowns with Barnes rushing for 561 yards and six scores and averaging 10 yards a carry.

Charleroi is led by sophomore Quentin Briggs, who needs 38 yards to reach 1,000 for the second straight season.

Washington knows all about Briggs, who carried the ball a school-record 51 times for 229 yards and three touchdowns in last year's 29-13 Cougar victory.

In key Class A Tri-County South Conference contests, Monessen (5-2, 5-0) goes to Carmichaels (3-4, 3-2) and California (4-3, 3-2) hosts Jefferson-Morgan (5-2, 3-2).

The Greyhounds can clinch a tie for the title with a victory.

Carmichaels' Anthony Farrar has run for 950 yards and scored 90 points on 14 touchdowns and three two-pointers.

California, which closes at Monessen next Friday, needs a win its last two games to make the playoffs.

The Trojans' DJ Martinak has run for 734 yards and 13 touchdowns and thrown for 456 yards and tree scores.

The Rockets' junior quarterback Brandon Kozich has thrown for 727 yards and seven touchdowns.

Rock (FROM PAGE ONE)

snapped by a block on his fourth attempt at Gannon.

California, meanwhile, is back in the AFCA Top 25 for the first time in six weeks at No. 24 and is third in the Super One Regional ranking between two unbeatens, Bloomsburg and Charleston.

Portis has led the Vulcans' resurgence with a 152.6 passer rating, which is second in the conference and 14th in the country.

Portis has a conference-high 20 touchdowns and hasn't been intercepted in his last 136 passes.

The Vulcans are riding an 18-game PSAC West winning streak and have won 14 straight PSAC West road games. Cal's last division away loss was at Slippery Rock in 2005.

Favre (FROM PAGE ONE)

In their last 26 regular season games, dating to a 29-22 loss to Jacksonville on Dec. 16, 2007, the Steelers haven't allowed a 300-yard passer, a 100-yard rusher or a 140-yard receiver. With Favre, Peterson and Rice, the Vikings have a chance to have all three.

"You like stopping guys and if he (Peterson) gets 150 and we win, who's going to talk about it?" Hampton said. "It doesn't matter. He got a lot of yards (143) on Baltimore and Baltimore had a chance to win in the end, so that really doesn't matter."

FEATURES

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Monongahela Veterans Council

The Monongahela Veterans Council met Oct. 15 at the Monongahela VFW. Tom Corey called the meeting to order followed by the flag salute. Answering roll call were representatives from Monongahela American Legion Post 302, Finleyville American Legion Post 613, Carroll Township American Legion Post 949, Monongahela Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1409, Mid-Mon Valley Shipmates, and Mon Valley Leathernecks.

Minutes of the last meeting were presented by Secretary Al Reichel and approved. In the absence of Treasurer Bill Fawcett, there was no financial report. The purpose of this meeting was to finalize the schedule of events that will take place at Chess Park 10 a.m. Nov. 11. The following events were discussed and approved:

Mid Mon Valley Shipmates' Commander Joe Acton will provide a welcome and recognize Veterans Council members and dignitaries.

Corey, Monongahela Veterans Council president, will conduct the rest of the program.

The Mon Valley Leathernecks will present the colors. Kim Van Voorhis will sing the National Anthem.

Corey will lead the flag pledge, and the Rev. John Fierro will provide the invocation.

The Shipmates will conduct a two-bell ceremony. Van Voorhis will present a vocal selection. Yeoman Chief Petty Officer (Seabee Combat Warfare) Gena Sproul will serve as guest speaker. She is a member of the Shipmates and resides in Monongahela. She has 15 years of service in the Navy, six of them active, and the rest in the Navy Reserve. In April 2009 she returned from a 10-month deployment with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven to Balad, Iraq. Sproul is currently assigned to commander, Naval Forces Europe Detachment 205 out of North Versailles. She has been employed by California University of Pennsylvania for the past 12 years as administrative assistant in the office of social equity. She is the mother of two: 18-year-old son, John, recently graduated from Ringgold High School and is now a Seaman recruit attending Intelligence Specialist "A" School in Dam Creek, Va., and 16-year-old Bonnie, who is a junior at Ringgold High School.

The Rev. George Chortos will offer benediction. The honor guard will present a rifle salute followed by taps. The Mon Valley Leathernecks will retire the colors. Corey will offer closing remarks. The events will begin at 10 a.m. Participants are asked to be at Chess Park at 9:30 a.m.

Donora Seniors

The meeting of the Donora Seniors was held with President Rose Galiffa presiding and 32 members present.

Cathy Mitchell was acknowledged for her birthday.

It was announced a bakeless bake sale in November will be chaired by Joe Rodriguez and Irene Nicolanco.

Christmas party arrangements were finalized.

New officers for the year 2010 include: Jean Watson, president; Mary Strain, secretary; Ann Rongaus, treasurer.

Prizes were awarded to Gerry Nizolek, Jean Watson, Mary Strain, Louise Swantner, Virginia Andreko, Marion Paradise, Joanie Ries, Cathy Mitchell and Mary Kosh.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lunch was served and games were played.

Forward Township Senior Citizens

The Forward Township Senior Citizens will hold its meeting noon Monday at the Bunola Fire Hall. The meeting will be a Halloween party; however, costumes are not necessary.

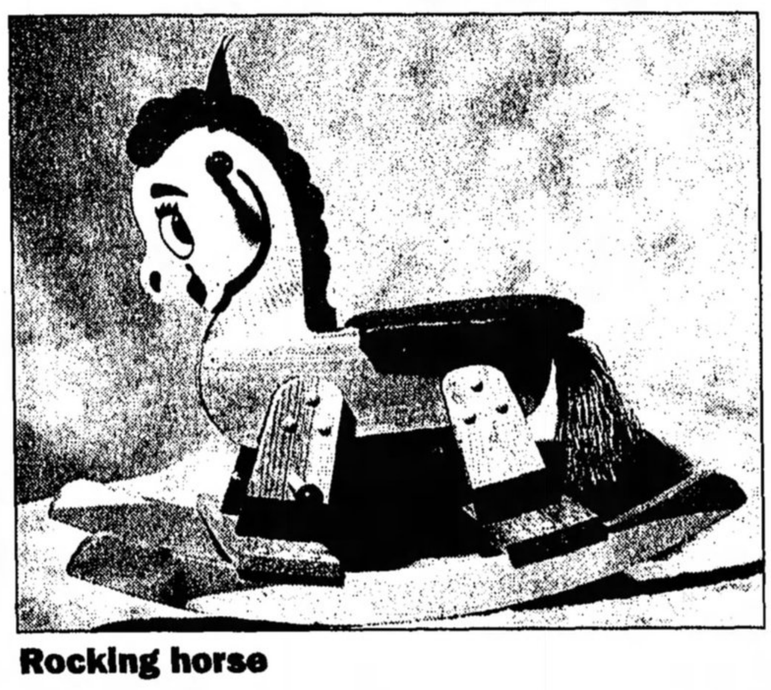
President JoeAnn Obusek will preside. Paul Acton is vice president. Jan Neander is secretary and Kay Miller, treasurer, and in charge of membership. Membership is open. Tours will be by Peggy Lane; greeter is Ruth Ann Werner; Flo Buono or Jim Chomas on tickets. Hostess will be Dolly Acton and volunteer aides.

Maintenance engineers will be Paul Acton, Karl Neander, and Jim Chomas; Bev Chomas, for birthdays and anniversaries, which will be acknowledged.

Sophie Schreiber and Peggy Lane will be in charge of games following the meeting.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Rocking horse is an old favorite



Rocking horse

One of the original "trace, cut and assemble" do-it-yourself projects created by U-Bild founder Steve Ellingson in the late 1940s, this little rocking horse. is nicknamed "Slivers." His unique design, made up of just 17 pieces traced from full-size patterns, was inspired by Mrs. Ellingson's sewing patterns. Patterns made it simple for any woodworker—even beginners—to get great results. Since then, "Slivers" has become an heirloom in countless families.

Built from a single piece of 1-by-12 lumber (clear pine as pictured, but other wood will work), the project is as inexpensive as it is easy. Designed with safety in mind, it features rounded edges and a limited rocking motion that makes it difficult to tip.

Construction is simple, and requires only common tools. Just trace the pieces onto wood, cut out and sand. Next, assemble the pieces using screws and glue. Finally, paint and seal with a clear finish.

The rocking horse measures 32 inches long by 26 inches tall by 12 inches wide.

The Rocking Horse plan, No. 56, is $9.95 and includes complete step-by-step directions, full-size traceable patterns, a shopping list and cutting schedule and a toll-free help line for project questions. The plan also has alternate traceable patterns for the head and feet that transform the project into a rocking elephant.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: C equals X

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Health screening, Belle Vernon Lions Club, 435 Speer St., 7 to 10 a.m.

■ Pumpkin Patch, Washington & Jefferson College, 147 West Chestnut St., Washington, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Comedy show fundraiser, New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department, doors open, 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m.

■ Family-style roast beef dinner, United Methodist Church, 203 Independence St., Perryopolis, 4 to 7 p.m.

■ Open house, Penn State Fayette, Eberly Campus, Uniontown, noon to 2 p.m.

■ Pancake breakfast, Covenant Christian Church, First and Main streets, Belle Vernon, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Catholic High School Class of 1967 60th birthday, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, 12:30 p.m.

■ Spaghetti dinner, Lynnwood Lutheran Church, 900 Washington St., Washington Township, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Halloween party, Monessen Eagles, 9:30 p.m.

■ Showboat, Charleroi Area High School auditorium, 2 p.m.

■ Chicken, rib, pork chop dinners, to benefit Increasing College/Community Monies, Holiday Bar and Grille, 48 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, noon; DJ Funkster, 9 p.m.

■ Fall conference, Calvary Bible Church, North Charleroi, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Spaghetti dinner set in Newell

The Santa Barbara Club in Newell will host a spaghetti dinner noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. For takeouts, call (724) 938-2553.

Slovak Cultural Society to meet

The Mon Valley Slovak Cultural Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen.

Family Fun Hour set in Monongahela

The Monongahela Area Library will celebrate Halloween with a Family Fun Hour 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Those attending will make a bat craft and hear Halloween stories associated with the animals of the holiday. The program is for children ages 3-8, their parents or grandparents and siblings. Registration is required by calling (724) 258-5409 by Monday.

Veterans exhibit opens in Monessen

In conjunction with the upcoming Mon Valley Veterans Day parade, the Greater Monessen Historical Society has opened its new Veterans Exhibit at the Heritage Museum. The exhibit showcases all branches of the service and will be on display through December. The various display cases contain photos, uniforms and assorted military memorabilia from the Civil War through the Iraq Conflict. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The Society is planning to have "Saturday Conversations with a Vet", in which veterans will be available to answer questions and relive their wartime experiences over coffee and donuts. For information, call (724) 684-8460.

Health and Education Expo set in Greensburg

The Westmoreland County commissioners, Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, Westmoreland Case Management and Supports Inc. and Westmoreland Community Action will sponsor the 2009 Health and Education Expo, accessing information for caregivers, seniors and persons with disabilities, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Four Points Hotel/Sheraton, Route 30 East, Greensburg. Learn about health issues, nutrition, legal issues, adaptive equipment and home care and Hospice services. Activities include regular flu shots, spinal screen, sleep disorder screen, bone density screen, vision, hearing and glaucoma screenings, stroke screen and massage/Reiki therapy. Refreshments will be available. Free or discounted bus transportation with Westmoreland County Transit for eligible riders can be obtained by calling (724) 834-9282 or 1-800-221-9282.

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Romilda Iacoboni, Executrix
737 Green Street
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Timothy M. Maatta, Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062
10/16,23,30

Neil, Yolanda A.
ESTATE NOTICE

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Carl L. Neil, Executor
4474 Route 136
Greensburg, PA 15601

Richard C. Mudrick
Attorney at Law
300 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
10/23,30;11/6

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Sobotak, Michael
ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

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JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1202 WEST MAIN STREET
MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

Paula M. Englert, Administratrix
440 East Main Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
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Welsh, Louise L.
ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF LOUISE L. WELSH, deceased, late of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

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Daniel D. Welsh
5028 Rosecrest Drive
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Executor

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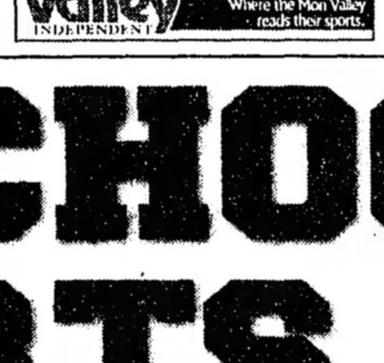

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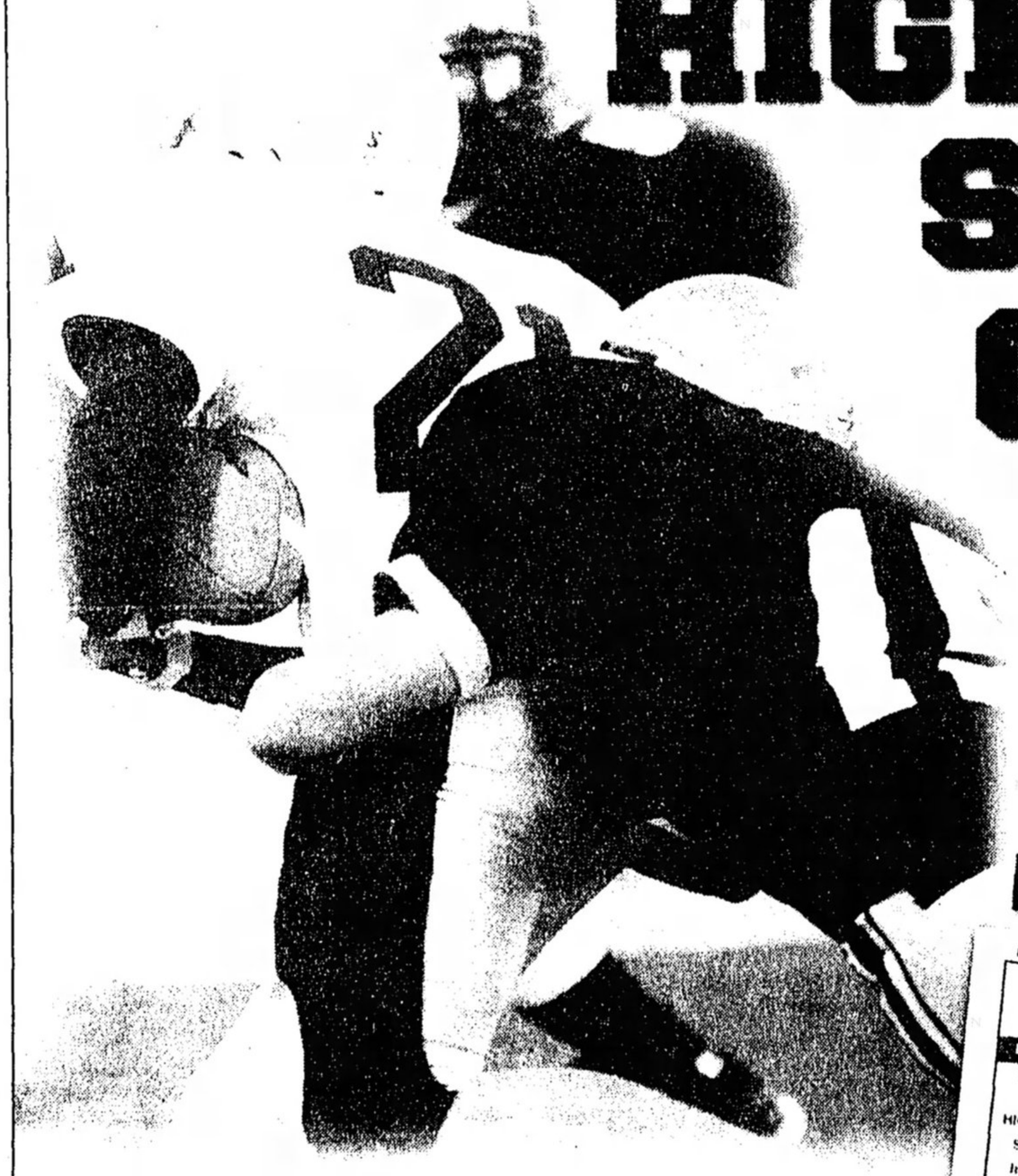

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pets directory

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Pets

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Pets - Misc.

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Your Birthday
SATURDAY, OCT. 24, 2009

SCORPIO
October 24 through November 21

Endeavors or enterprises that contain strong elements of charity and compassion will capture your attention in the year ahead. All activities that encompass these qualities will bring you much success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Events could do an about-face with regard to something you've long hoped would happen but thought impossible. What transcends might test the limits of your rational intellect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Your charm is likely to capture the attention of others, but it will be your sincerity that scores the biggest wins and makes such a lasting impression on those who mean a lot to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Conditions that have a direct influence on your security could make two distinct shifts in your favor. Be prepared to take advantage of these opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Your leadership qualities will be vying for expression so don't be bashful about assuming control over a situation where you feel that you can do a better job than anyone else.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- In the past, you may have wondered many times whether or not your kindnesses were truly appreciated, but not so at this time. What you do will be duly noted and applauded by all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Because you are far more sensitive to what is going on around you, this is a good day to leave the humdrum world behind and do something different. If possible, include several enjoyable friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Look for unique opportunities, and do something worthwhile. You have the ability to expand upon the least little thing and turn it into a big deal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- This is a good day to study an idealistic subject. You'll absorb its concepts easily, but more important, you will know where and how to best use it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You're much more sensitive to the subtleties of other people's needs and goals and will genuinely want to help achieve them. There's a possibility that something extraordinary will result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Your companionship will be greatly desired and appreciated by loved ones because they know that you will make them feel special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- The possibilities for achieving your most ambitious objectives are far stronger than they've been in a long time. Target your most meaningful goals, and make your dreams come true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- This could be an exciting, romantic day for all Libras -- especially for the unattached. You could receive signals from someone that he or she likes you, too.

Lost & Found

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outdoor directory

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Autos Accessories

Auto

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Autos For Sale

Auto

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